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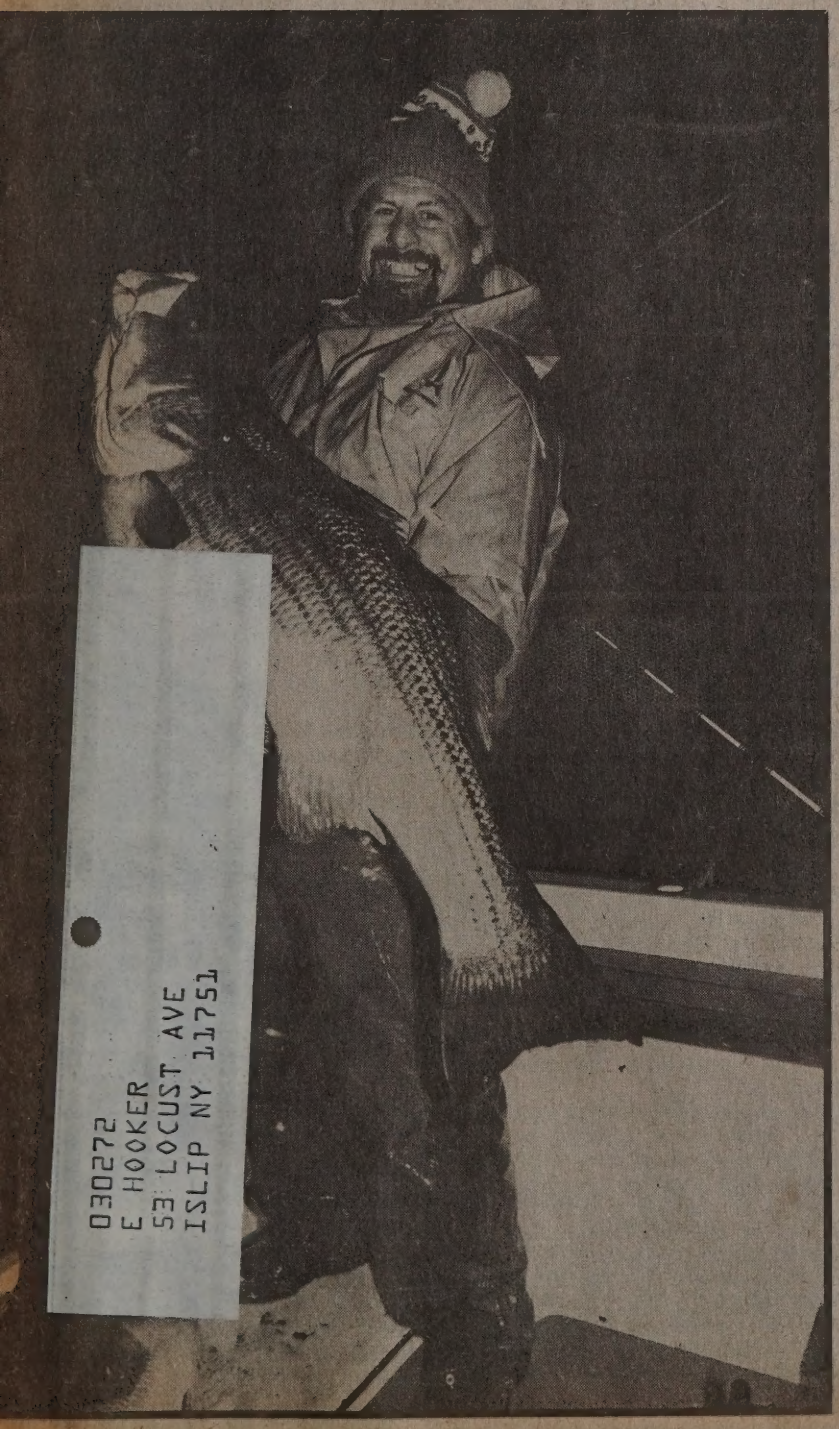

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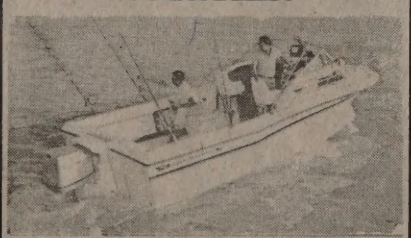

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EDITORIAL

N.R.P.A. WINS SUIT AGAINST ARMY CORPS AND D.E.C.

You win some and you lose some, goes the old saying. Certainly, anyone who has been involved in environmental battles knows the feeling of losing. Yet, with those occasional victories, there exists a great feeling of exhilaration and pride. For Lou Figurelli, President of the Natural Resources Protective Association, Inc., and a small group of dedicated environmentalists, the winning feeling is well known. When it comes to environmental battles this Staten Island group is batting a thousand! They have never lost a battle. Their extraordinary success is attributable to a combination of hard work, limited but significant financial support, restricting the causes to those in their immediate vicinity, and taking on one battle at a time.

Let's begin with a brief history of the situation that prompted Lou and his group to wage war against the Army Corps of Engineers and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC). In 1973 a permit was issued to a private company to use what is called a "borrow pit." The idea of a borrow pit is to allow a company to mine sand to specific depth and later the pit is filled in with other materials. In this case, borrow pit #7 was to be mined to a depth of 30 feet and the operations of the company were to be supervised by the DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers. These two government agencies did not monitor the digging and the company dug to a depth of 90 feet.

Then the DEC attempted to give the Army permission to authorize an experimental dumping program that called for contaminated and uncontaminated spoils to be dumped in pit #7. The contaminated dredge spoils were to come from an area north of Shotter's Island which is near the site of the infamous Elizabeth, N.J. chemical fire of recent vintage.

The N.R.P.A. attempted to present evidence at a public hearing to the Army that such dumping could seriously jeopardize the quality of bathing beaches and marine life in the vicinity of the dump site. The Army stifled the N.R.P.A. attempts to provide evidence. At that point, the N.R.P.A. filed a class action suit to prevent the dumping of contaminated spoils. The DEC contended that there was not significant marine life in the waters adjacent to borrow pit #7, but the evidence presented by the N.R.P.A. convinced Judge Charles Rubin to order an enviromental impact statement and an independent study that was to be approved by the N.R.P.A. That order was handed down on May 11, 1982.

The Army then pressured DEC to appeal the decision, and they did. The N.R.P.A. presented evidence that showed the pit was centrally located in the area of many bathing beaches, that the potential existed for the waters at these beaches to be contaminated through runoff. Further, the evidence showed the adjacent waters held abundant marine life including such popular species as striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, winter flounder, lobsters, and crabs.

Therefore, on September 23, 1982, a four-judge panel ruled not to grant the DEC appeal and thus, it appears that provisions now exist for concerned citizens to block the dumping of contaminated dredge spoils at borrow pit #7.

The Natural Resources Protective Association, Inc., now has over 9000 members in the New York Metropolitan Area. This is an impressive membership. However, as we have pointed out many times on these pages, the cost of class action suits can be very high. In this case, the legal costs ran to about $10 to $12,000 thousand. Although membership contributions pay for some of this expense, Lou Figurelli has also contributed a good deal of the money from his own pocket.

Many of you have written and expressed a desire to help with various important conservation efforts, but frequently don't know where to turn. Clearly, here is an opportunity to help a very good cause. We have pointed out many times that there are many ways for you to help.

It seems to us at LIF that the Natural Resources Protective Association is worthy of your support based upon a fine track record of success and the obvious dedication of its members. We have talked to Mr. Figurelli about a more intimate alliance for the future because we believe the N.R.P.A. to be a significant vehicle for stemming what seems like an endless tide of environmental abuse, neglect, and contempt in the New York Bight area.

If you would like to contribute, please send donations (tax deductible) to: N.R.P.A., P.O. Box 306, Great Kills, Staten Island, N.Y. 10308.

William A. Muller

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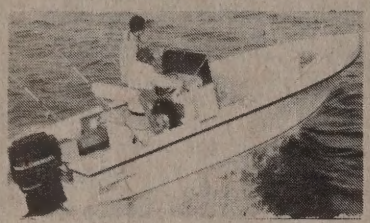
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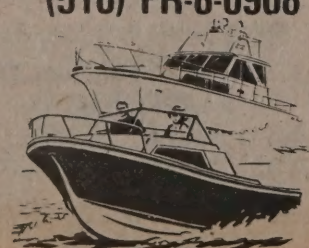

CHUM LINES

HOW TO SEX STRIPED BASS

I have written a fellow worker of yours, Matt Ahern. The question I asked him was how can I tell a male bass from a female bass. He was unable to answer my question and told me to write you. Maybe you can answer my question. As I told him, I am fishing for one year with my husband, so I am a new fishing woman. So help me out of a can of worms and please answer my question. Thank you. *A new fishing woman, Mrs. Margaret Novak, NYC*

Unless you are a scientist trained in the anatomy of bass and have had significant experience working with living specimens in the field, it will probably be very hard, if not impossible, for the average person to sex bass that are under about 25 pounds. It is accepted by fisheries biologists that male bass live a shorter life span and do not usually exceed about 25 pounds. Therefore, if you come upon a forty pounder you'll be safe in assuming that the fish is a female. Smaller adult fish can be sexed at spawning time by the full abdomen and the green eggs that can be coaxed from the abdomen with gentle pressure. Of course, dissection facilitates identification, but I do not believe your question was intended in that manner. Dr. W.A. Muller.

HOOKS AND PIERS

I am a subscriber to your magazine, and would like to ask you a few questions.

1. On my fishing lures there are treble hooks. Can I cut two of them off and just leave one? If not, do I just replace them with one hook, would any of these changes affect the action of the lures?

2. Where can I find a list or a book on fishing piers in the five boroughs and Long Island?

3. Where can I find a book on how to rig hooks and bait and the different setups on the line? From flounder on up, all in one book. *John Roschke, Flushing, NY.*

Any change in hooks' weight, or design will change the action of a plug. Sometimes the change is for the better, and you catch more fish; but sometimes it is for the worst. In general, lure manufacturers design lures to respond to a retrieve with a given set of hooks. For the most part, the original equipment is best suited to the job and catches more fish. However, once in awhile, a change is in order. Some fishermen take off the originals and add hooks that are one size larger, while others use smaller hooks. The best way to handle this problem is to make the changes and then test out the product. Be careful not to test the lure when there are no fish and then conclude that your changes don't work. Wait until fish are being caught around you, and then switch to the plug you wish to test. Use it for awhile since giving up on it too quickly without using a variety of retrieves and actions can also give a biased result. If it works, use it!

As far as piers go: there are the piers at Jones Beach and there are a few scattered piers in the Towns of Nassau and Suffolk for town residents. The only state access piers we know of are at Jones Beach. In the City of New York there are many "structures" that people fish from. I won't call all of them piers because many were not built for that purpose (fishing piers). For example, the structures along the west shore of lower Manhattan often produce bass and people fish them, but there are no facilities as there are at Jones Beach. Then there are the structures at Canarsie, Jamaica Bay (Hook Creek), Flushing Bay, Staten Island, etc. There is reason to doubt the wisdom of fishing from many of these and similar structures—safety. Thus, the only real piers—Jones Beach field 10.

As for your question about hook setups: read LIF or buy our books, Fishing for Flounder, Fishing for Weakfish, and Fishing for Fluke. Each has many diagrams of specific rigs used to catch these species. Dr. W.A. Muller.

DID YOU SEE THIS ABOUT BLUES?

This article from the 8-1-82 issue of The Washington Post says it all re: the present state of recreational fishing. Just move the locale from Chesapeake Bay to Long Island's North and South Shores.

Snapper fishing never looked so good. Regards, *Al Lynch, Valley Stream.*

We have already seen the articles from regional magazines and papers in reference to high harvests of bluefish from Chesapeake Bay by Fass Brothers, who ship the blues to Egypt. The sad part is that the recreational anglers in Chesapeake have had trouble with a declining population of bass and so they switched to blues. Then this year, the Fass Brothers have harvested 300,000 pounds from the bay as of the middle of summer and the sport fishermen can't even catch blues. We have written a very stern letter to Mr. Bryson, Director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Council and warned that any further delay in the development and implementation of a bluefish plan can only create more widespread problems. We have been on the "case" of the Council and the National Marine Fishery Service all along. I'm afraid at this point they think of LIF as a pest, but we keep hammering. So, then, why don't we have a plan. Answer is simple. After a large and enthusiastic turnout at the

public hearing several years ago, most fishermen have disappeared with regard to this question. Officials, pressured by commercial interests to expand, have stalled and delayed. If you want to change the bluefish situation, individuals will have to take more interest. You can't attend one hearing and expect miracles. We need more folks to visit their Congressmen and Senators, state your concerns, indicate that all too often the intentions of their legislation on the 200 mile limit has not been carried out, and request they intervene. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WHAT CAN I DO?

I have just finished reading your editorial on the striped bass. After completing it, all I can say is, "How?.." How can something like this happen?

Then I asked myself, "When will these politicians (I can think of many other things to call them) realize what's happening to our fish population and how important it is?" I answered the question by saying probably when it's too late. Then they're going to say "We should have listened." If and when this happens, there'll be nothing we can do.

I would appreciate some names and addresses that I can write to and information on anything else I can do. I would also appreciate the names of politicians who are on our side, if there are any. Thank you very much. *Terry Maltese, Bklyn., NY*

Unfortunately, your assessment of the current scene is all too accurate. We have not been able to have the type of impact on environmental and fisheries issues that we would have liked as concerned marine anglers. However, it is never too late and there are still some things we can all do. For one, refer to a recent editorial regarding your vote in November. Election Day is the time to remember which politicians have been callous and careless on these issues. In the editorial we have tried to provide you with some input. It is imperative that we all vote on Election Day and that we do our very best to vote the uncaring politican out of office and protect those few who have worked hard for our interests. Dr. W.A. Muller.

IS THIS HOW WE SAVE THE BASS?

How in God's name can you continue to promote contests involving striped bass?

Your magazine, and other promotions, publicizing the glory of going after striped bass does more damage to that particular fish than Westway ever will.

Year after year your publication, on one page deplores the killing or destruction of fish from pollution, construction, industry, etc., while on another page you seem to think it fine to push for that particular fish's demise. You even go so far as to glorify those who catch the most, the biggest, as if it's an honor.

It is not enough to say that you must show the bass' habitat, how to get it, and advertise those facts, all for financial reasons. Daiwa is an example of a company, a business, which is dependent on its customers, but it has excluded striped bass from its contest this year; I would hope that their morality will affect yours, Sincerely, B. Barr, New York City.

You raise a very interesting point. Since I'm a fisherman who releases all the bass (except badly injured few) he catches, there is a tendency for me to want to climb on the soap box you are speaking from. However, there is another side to this issue and although you and I might want to ignore that side because of our own philosophies, we really have an obligation to think about it. Sure, bass tournaments kill bass and that is perhaps too bad. However, commercial fishermen kill bass by the tens of thousands each year. Recreational fishermen do the same outside of the hoop-la of a tournament. Although people kill bass during bass tournaments, the contest also draws attention to the species and ultimately its problems. If there are so few bass that a bass tournament fizzles, then people will ask why and what can we do to turn this around. The more

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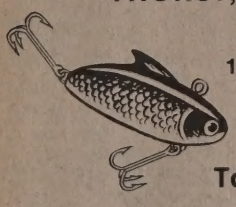

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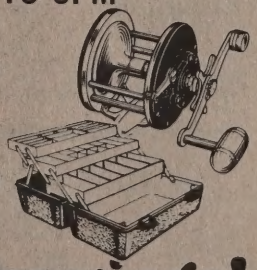

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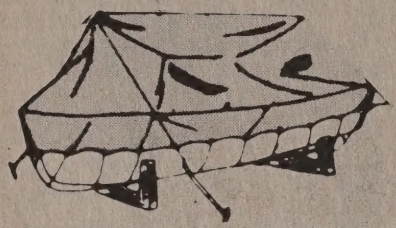

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publicity and the more big business people who get burned by the loss, the more likely action will be taken to further protect the bass. At this time, we need public attention drawn to the bass issue. Most folks are riveted to economic, social, and crime problems and thus, it has been almost impossible to get legislation to protect bass. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WHICH ROD IS BETTER?

How does your fishing rod blank #SB164M - #1366 Lamiglass models described in your Feb. Issue #5, compare with the Fenwick surf Bigstik #3. That is the rod that handles 2-4 oz. lures, using a 2-4 oz. lures (squids). Which rod do you think is a better rod for this type of lure (distance casting)? I have a Lamiglass #1165 and I can cast about 100-120 yds. with a 3 oz. squid. And I would like to improve this distance with a better rod. I know I cast 100-120 yds. because I had measured and marked the mono on the spool starting with 100 yds. at intervals of 10 yds. up to 150 yds. On each cast I can tell how far the lure went. No way near the 150 yds. described in last year's LIF Fenwick fishing tournament in North Carolina. By the way, were there any winners at that contest? *F. Pajkowski, Bklyn, NY.*

You are asking a fundamental and perfectly good question, yet I'm going to beg off. Why? Because although I could tell you that a light spinning rod is not suitable for throwing big lures, when it comes to similar rods of similar capabilities, the choice boils down to personal preference. All blanks differ from one another. Each company has its own features and no two rods are identical when it comes to taper. Among the big surf sticks there are also differences in length. All of these factors and many more contribute to the unique feel of each rod. I remember some years back I made a rod out of an 1165 Lamiglass because a friend made a rod like that and he loved it. I had a few problems with it. The rod just didn't feel right. My friend told me I was bonkers. After awhile, I told myself I was bonkers. Yet, years later I discovered that since my reach was shorter than his, I had put my foregrip closer to the butt and I had taped the rod closer to the butt. This change in position changed the balance and the action in a very subtle way. I took several inches off the tip and that rod became a mainstay of my arsenal for years. I suggest that a fisherman never buy a rod or a blank without going to the store and picking it up in your hands. Get the feel. Swing it a few times. Get advice about where to place the guides and grips. In local bait and tackle stores, they'll usually put the components on for you in a temporary fashion and then ask you to test the rod. They'll move things around until you are comfortable. Both are good rods, but the real question is—which feels better to you? Dr. W.A. Muller.

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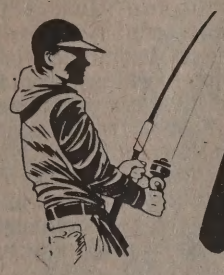

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U.S. ON WRONG SIDE OF BARGAINING TABLE

by Vic Rivas

DIRECTOR OF N.Y. SPORT FISHING FEDERATION

As the newly elected Director of the New York Sportfishing Federation, a coalition of saltwater fishing clubs in New York, my responsibilities include keeping pace with government fisheries regulations that affect our membership. So it was that on a recent trip to our Nation's Capitol, I attended a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCATT).

The structure of this committee is made up of three commissioners and an advisory board. This board was made up of commercial fishing interests from the West Coast (Bumble Bee, Star-kist, etc.), smaller East Coast fisheries, and some recreational fishermen. Both the advisory board as well as the commissioners listen to reports that are given by federal scientists (National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS)), as well as independent scientists that are contracted by the commercial fishing interests. After hearing all reports and comments from the public sector, the meeting is then closed off to the public and behind closed doors, the U.S. policy that will be brought to the International Meeting is arrived at.

Now, hopefully with a general understanding of the so-called "mechanics," I can now give you some of my impressions. Scientists describe in their presentations that tuna are broken down into the following categories: big eye, yellowfin, albacore, skipjack and bluefin. The consensus of opinion among the advisory board and commissioners, as well as the scientists, is that all the species except bluefin should continue status quo with "close monitoring." The first question then raised from the floor was "what is close monitoring?" The answer was never really given or maybe not understood by laymen such as myself. But it went something like this: "We will continue to use the data base that we have extrapolated from various statistics that our scientists have accumulated from their studies and Japanese catch statistics." Being from Long Island, I was concerned about our big eye tuna fishery which is under tremendous pressure from the Japanese long liners operating off our Coast. Apparently there is nothing to worry about at this time. That was probably what they said during the early days of the bluefin tuna fisheries!

Again, the advisory board pressed on to the bluefin issue. After listening for hours to the scientists make their presentations, it became apparent that there was only one similarity in their scientific reports. That was, that the bulk of the statistical information on which most of their models were patterned, was supplied by the Japanese. Not being a scientist, but applying what I call "basic common sense," the thought comes to mind if the information that has been solicited from the Japanese is not accurate, then it reasons that the scientific reports are not accurate. I asked myself the question, are the Japanese truly interested in conservation? And thus are they supplying accurate information to our scientists? Consider the following: when U.S. West Coast tuna industries sailed their purse seine vessels through the Panama Canal in the early 1960s, they exploited the bluefin fisheries in the Atlantic. Fishing completely unregulated, they single-handedly put the tuna stocks at the dangerously low levels that currently exist. The bluefin tuna has never recovered from that exploitation. Yet on the heels of the West Coast tuna industries came the Japanese with sophisticated long line gear and harvested a tremendous amount of spawning bluefins in the Gulf of Mexico. In a recent article that appeared in International Anglers (July-Aug. 82), Mexico, who is not an ICCAT member, cancelled all permits for foreign vessels to take billfish. "According to US NMFS, six Japanese long liners operating off Baja California during the last quarter of 1981 harvested over 5000 swordfish and 18,000 striped marlin." The so-called "straw that broke the camel's back" said Tom Miller (Western Outdoor News July 82) was the detention of the third Japanese long line vessel since the first of the year by the Mexican Navy, found to be violating a portion of the agreement by fishing within a few miles of Cabo San Lucas. Said Miller, "There was a reported 66,000 pounds of marlin, sailfish, and broadbill aboard plus a few dorado and tuna and several endangered species of sea turtle, though the vessel's permit was for SHARK FISHING ONLY, there was said to be no shark aboard except for a quantity of shark liver found in the hold."

So not only was I troubled by the fact the statistics were solicited from the Japanese, but I was equally concerned as to why the Federal scientists and the "commercial" scientists produced different conclusions.

Actually the most revolting revelation came when one of the commissioners responded to comments and suggestions from the floor. His reply was "We don't think the Japanese will go for that." It then became quite clear to me that we were on the wrong side of the bargaining table. It strengthens my suspicions that what our Continental neighbors, Mexico and Canada, as well as over 90 other coastal countries had done was in the best interest of their countries. That was to include tuna in their 200 mile limit. There is no question that tuna should be managed under the advice of an international organization, but when push comes to shove, let us claim what is rightfully ours.

BLACKS & BROWNS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

BLACKFISH OR TAUTOGS ARE NOW BITING IN THEIR USUAL HAUNTS SUCH AS WRECKS, ROCKS AND REEFS. FROM THESE THEY HAVE TO BE DERRICKED UP AND OUT OF WITH A STIFF BOAT ROD. EXTRA HOOKS AND SINKERS ARE A MUST.

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LATE SEASON STRIPERS

by Al Ristori

Late fall striped bass action can be surprisingly good for those willing to put up with numb fingers and chilling winds.

Generally speaking, both the spring striped bass migratory run to the north and the early fall movement to the south have been disappointing—to say the least! Even keeping in mind the fact that the striped bass population is in a state of serious decline, the results for 1982 up to the time this was written in early October have been very poor. To be sure, there were localized spurts of action during the summer—but it appears as if the big charge of stripers may be a late one this year.

As bad as the overall striper situation is, there are still quite a few large bass left from the great year class of 1970; as well as the many fine year classes dating back to 1958. Your chances of catching a super striper were never better, as should be perfectly obvious when one considers that the all-tackle record has fallen two years running. Since lightning could strike you next, be sure to sign up for the Garcia Million Dollar World Record Contest. There's some question as to whether Al McReynolds' 78½ pounder from Atlantic City will take the $250,000 for the striped bass record since he wasn't entered before he caught the fish. However, the contest wording was so vague that there will surely be a challenge. In any case, don't take any chances yourself. Fill out an entry form at your tackle shop or, if not available there, write for one to Drawing Registration, ABU-Garcia, P.O. Box 4920, Blair, Neb. 68009.

How late may striper fishing last? That varies greatly from year to year, but if you put your mind to it you should be able to find stripers of some sort up through Christmas—and perhaps into the New Year. Those very last stripers will be schoolies taken in the East and Hudson Rivers, though fishing in more open waters could even last into early December.

It was about a decade ago that I experienced an unusual late fall run at Montauk. The fall fishing had been fairly quiet as the waters stayed warm longer than usual. By the standards of those days of relative plenty, the September and October fishing had not been very productive. Even early November wasn't too good, but it all broke loose on Thanksgiving Day. The locals killed them on Shagwong Reef that day, and the fishing continued into the next week. I remember rushing out on an unusually mild day in early December and finding a swarm of birds over Shagwong all day long. Migrating stripers were chasing bunker and other bait, and we caught them casting, jigging and trolling. Lots of cod were mixed in, and the bass ranged all the way from schoolies to jumbos. Partner Andy Gennaro trolled a 36¾ pounder, which might well have been the biggest at Montauk in December. There was a strong wind from the southwest that day and the next morning which kept the temperatures up to 60°. However, the wind shifted to northwest as we left town and by midnight, was in the teens. The next day I took a photo of one of the bass in the snow outside my door!

While I thought that early December fishing was very unusual, Al Urban assured me that in previous years he'd caught bass frequently at Montauk in December—even as late as Christmas. The East End hasn't had late season runs with any regularity in recent years, though there was good fishing into at least the first week in December, 1979 for surfcasters at Montauk. Long after the boat fishermen had given up, the surfmen kept picking away—and some of the fish were big.

The one thing that's for sure is the consistency of late-October and early-November striper fishing to the east. By that time it's a sure thing that stripers will be migrating south, and the fishing is bound to be at least "good." I've only seen very occasional exceptions to that rule over the years, and that usually occurs when Indian Summer weather occurs during the period. The best situation is to have storms coming along every couple of days. You may not be able to get out everyday, but when you do the fish should snap!

This year that period should be especially productive due to the full moon occurring at the same time. It will be thermal underwear and snowmobile suit time, but some jumbo bass should be coming through then. After the first week in November, it's a big gamble. A major storm about that time could send most of what's available to warmer climes. That's what happened two years ago in early November. A three-day northwester came roaring through and set up what I expected would be fishing as great as I'd experienced the previous year under similar circumstances. At that time there was a big run of school stripers, along with a few jumbos and unending numbers of big bluefish—and even some bonito. However, the 1980 northwester just wiped out the Point. After battling my way down there through the last gasps of the blow, I trolled from the south shore to Great Eastern without a hit. Two charter boats had the same lack of success. Birds were diving on bait east of Great Eastern, but there was nothing under that mass of large sand eels. I ended up running over to the Hooter Buoy in order to catch a load of big blues and save the day.

Despite that experience, and a subsequent dead weekend, I kept hoping for one more shot. After yet another blow, we had a flat calm cloudy day and I invited fellow scribe Marty Garrell over for one last try at night. As I was working on a big writing project all day long, I didn't realize until Marty got to Montauk that warnings were up for gale winds. However, it was still calm—and since we weren't going far, I decided to chance it. After over an hour of trolling on favored spots without a tap, I figured that it was all over. The combination of a light cold rain and a few snowdrops almost convinced me to return, but it still was flat calm. Just a few passes at one more spot and it would be time to go in. I was startled by that first strike. Line smoked off the reel, and then went limp. I'd lost the last fish of the season!

At least that's what I thought had happened until the next two passes each resulted in a big bass being boated. Then, just as suddenly, it died. We came in during a light snow, and the gale force winds arrived just as we tied up at Star Island Yacht Club. It was a complete shock to me when I weighed in the fish at Montauk Marine Basin the next day to find that they were both over 50 pounds!

I'd like to report that this incident started a late season surge of action. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case. The storm blew us out the next night, though one fellow did go out for awhile with no results. The following night was a beauty: flat calm, clear and relatively mild. A bright moon made it possible to fish every rip perfectly—which is what myself and another boat did for the entire tide without getting so much as a tap! As far as I know, that was the end of that

fall's bass fishing at Montauk.

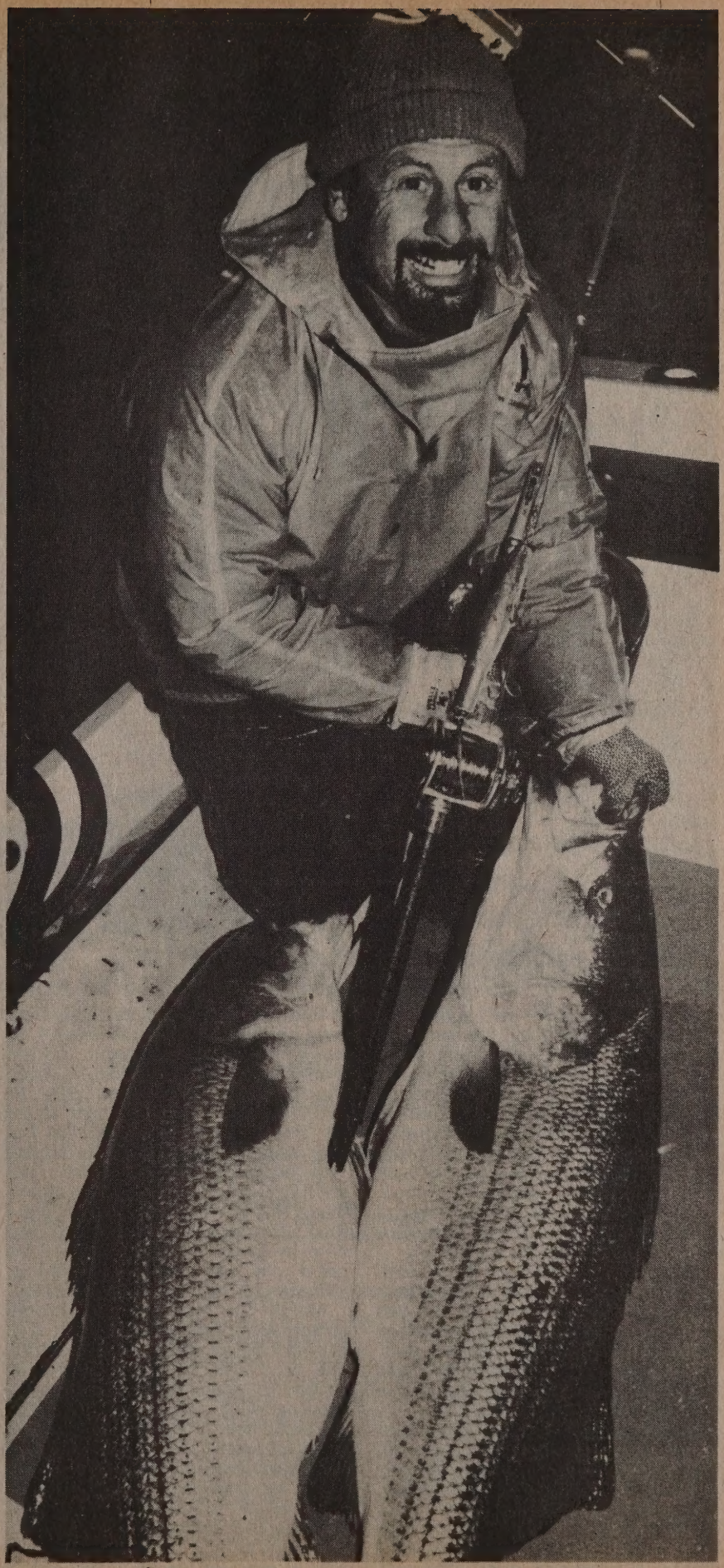
While the East End fishing could end early or late, striper fishing to the west has been consistently late in recent years. The October action is rarely very good, but the sharpies who stay with it have often cleaned up in November. Though the big fish are gone by then, early December has been good for schoolies. The area outside of New York Harbor has long been a late fall hotspot. It seems to benefit from a combination of two stocks. The Chesapeake migratory stripers that follow the coast find lots of bait there before swinging south and making tracks for their wintering grounds. At the same time, the Hudson River fish are returning—and I suspect it's those stripers which provide the latest action.

The Tin Can Grounds off Rockaway Inlet is the most consistent producer of late season schoolies. A few pros stick it out into early December and make some surprisingly good catches by trolling umbrella rigs. These fish can also be jigged or taken by drifting sandworms. Stripers are where you find them in November. The edges of Ambrose Channel and the Sandy Hook areas are popular. Big bass are often trolled at Romer Shoals, Flynn's Knoll, and the stretches of beach along the Rockaways and from Sandy Hook to Sea Bright. The popular lures for big stripers are bunker spoons, umbrella rigs, and big single tubes. Traditionally, this has been daytime action—which is just the opposite of when most East End jumbo stripers are taken. However, I have heard of a few sharpies to the west who make big bass catches at night late in the season.

Though the areas noted are the ones which get the most late season attention, stripers are a possibility almost everywhere in November. The entire south shore can be good at times, and Long Island Sound is loaded with schoolies returning to the Hudson. While Chesapeake spawning success since 1971 has been poor, the Hudson has had some good year classes. A few anglers have taken advantage of that fact to come up with big scores off Eaton's Neck and other western Long Island Sound points in recent Novembers. Both trolling and diamond jigging have produced.

Finally, there are the rivers themselves. The East River is packed with small stripers, though most are very small. The various piers are loaded with six to twelve inch bass, plus some larger ones. At times, Guy and Billy DeBlasio do very well with school stripers in both the East and Hudson Rivers using plastic-tail jigs and sandworms. Brooklyn's fishing doctors, the Shermans, catch and release great numbers there by using tiny diamond jigs from their boat. Schoolies can also be caught further up the Hudson at such favored spring areas as Croton-on-Hudson. Sandworms are your best bet up there.

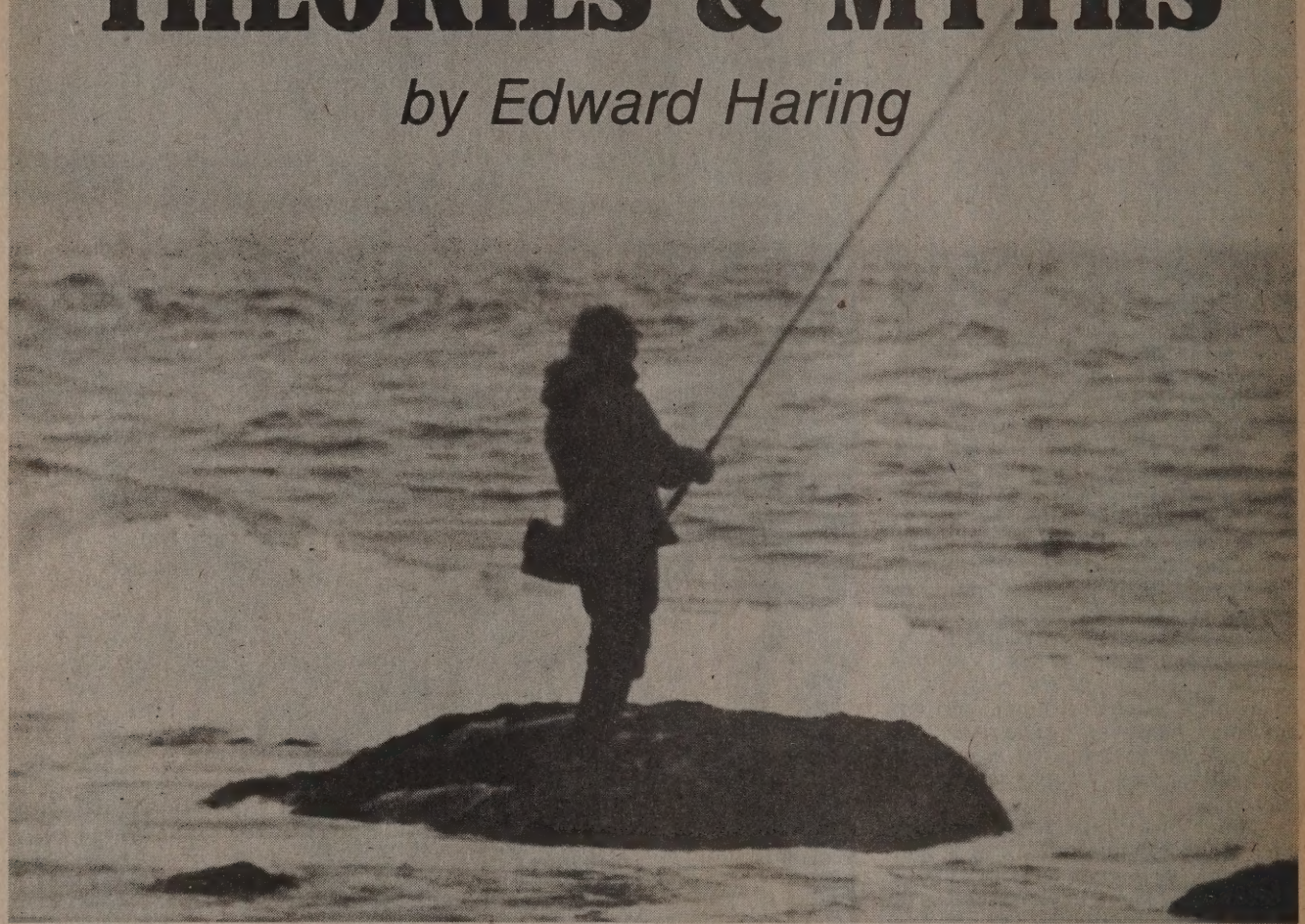
If you haven't had much luck with stripers as yet, don't give up too soon.



Author with two 50s trolled at night off Montauk in mid-November.

ON SURF THEORIES & MYTHS

by Edward Haring



It was not too many years ago, when the world was still flat, that some upstarts advanced a theory that there was just a possibility that mankind might be living on a globe. Ignoring all the "facts," Columbus sailed to the west and did not fall off!! In rapid succession, other explorers followed and consequently, today you can walk out your front door and by following a straight line enter by the back door at a later date. Thus, a theory became a fact and a fact became a myth.

What has all this got to do with fishing? Plenty. Just engage any fisherman in a conversation and you will find that all can quote theories by the bushel full. Just for the heck of it, let's explore some of the general facts and theories we have tucked away in our minds.

Keeping A Log: I did for years. Very faithfully, I recorded the date, time of day, air and water temperature, lure, exact area, moon phase, tide and other information for future reference. Who could go wrong with such a wealth of information? Me.! Taking the date of June 23rd, for example, one would find it impossible to find one June 23rd where the exact conditions prevailed in the past 30 years. After some thought, a new theory evolved: there are 13 moon changes in a year, but only 12 months. Converting to a lunar calendar does bring the tides into line, but everything else is still left to chance. The elements, the baitfish, the shifting sands and the ultimate quarry made this laborious data little more than a history book. Nice to read over once in awhile and hark back to the good old days while humming, "Thanks for the Memories."

Match The Hatch: It might work sometimes, but just imagine if that prized lure of yours, acting exactly like the baitfish it was designed to imitate, landed in the midst of several thousand look-alikes—would it catch the eye of the game you sought? After years of casting, I am pretty well convinced that my lure should attract a fish and then cause him to strike it out of anger, curiosity or some other reason. Take time out for a moment and consider how seldom your lure is moving with the school of bait. More often than not, it is at right angles, which in itself in unnatural. Another thing that strikes at the heart of this theory is the eel. Eels are known to inhabit muddy areas of bays and creeks, yet they have proven to be effective fish-takers off of sandy beaches. I have yet to find an eel in a striper's stomach nor has anyone else of those I asked. In all fairness, I should state that neither were popping plugs, Rebels or J8s. A few seasons back I took seven fish: three bass, two blues and two fluke, on seven different lures at Breezy Point—one fluke took a darter. As a rule it is well when fishing in the proximity of others to observe what lures those on either side of you are using, and then use something different. If yours pays off, great. If one of the others starts hitting pay dirt with any consistency, that is the hatch to match. Within the bounds of reason, experimenting can add spice to your routine. By all means include this in your retrieve. Vary the speed from fast to slow with pauses, twitches, and darting movements.

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their best when tied directly to your standing line. To add anything heavier in-between not only impedes the action but increases visibility to a fish's sharp eyes. There may be a good case for leaders and shocks in rocky or debris strewn areas, but never on a sandy beach. I heard all the cases for them on bluefish, but before you have to worry about those teeth you have to have the fish hit your lure.

Now once the fish hits, how many swallow your entire lure and gnaw away at your line? The odds are much greater another blue will strike at the swivel. Obviously, a bright, shiny one increases the chances of this but even the dullest finish is a better eye-catcher than nothing at all. Time, exposure and poor crimping also increases the chances of a lost lure and fish. Trying to horse your fish causes more break-offs than anything else. Take it easy; let the fish fight your rod and a sensibly set drag and enjoy the battle. There is no question that you are stronger and heavier than any fish you are going to encounter along the beach, but what about your knots and the line itself?

Knots are the weakest points between your lure. The one that will take the worst beating is that between your line and shocker. Each time it passes through the tip and guides, it is worn to a degree, no matter how well tied. Check it regularly; a practice often forgotten when the action becomes hectic. One point often overlooked, but which bears mentioning is to cut at least three to five feet of line off at the end of a day's fishing. This takes the full brunt of the punishment of all the casts you made.

Several paragraphs back I stated that the ideal method was to tie your lure directly to your line. This is not always practical if you change lures with any kind of frequency. Tie a small snap to facilitate this. Any good quality snap exceeds the strength of your line. When they show metal fatigue or become difficult to open or lock, dispose of them. Today many dealers only carry those with swivels attached—pass them up. No matter how light the swivel is it is still added hardware which serves no purpose from the beach. Lures are not designed to spin when properly retrieved, so the swivel is of no use whatsoever.

To many of you, this may seem too silly to mention, yet there are many beginners who add sinkers ahead of their lures in order to increase their distance. You may increase the distance but only at the expense of decreasing the action of your lure. Presentation is far more important than distance.

These are just a few theories which I formed after many years of plodding the beaches. To many it will seem as though I am preaching heresy. The facts you know to be true are different. Give them a try and the facts may turn out to be myths after all.

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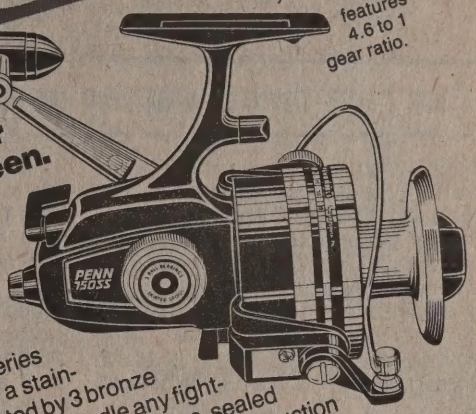

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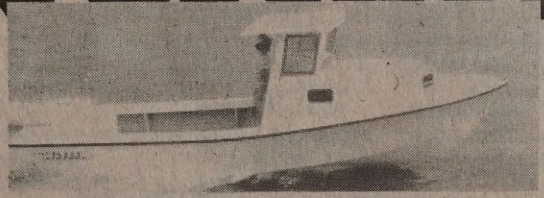

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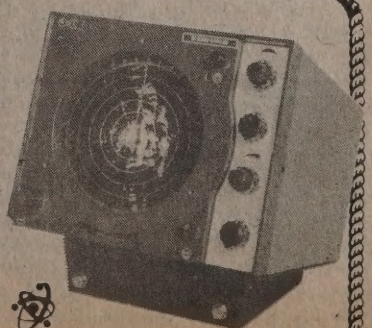

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TREASURED MEMORIES

by Matt Ahern

Our "old timer" carries us back for another look at the "good old days."

Should I wish to increase the volume of mail I receive from readers of The Fisherman, all that's required is that I devote an article to old-time fishing as I experienced it in the long ago. My ordinary average of 100 letters a week will immediately grow by at least 30 percent. Here it will remain until everyone who desires to get in touch has had his say...a matter of several weeks.

To me, this is nothing short of remarkable, for certainly four years ago when I first considered doing an occasional old-time article, I must admit to doubts as to how those stories would be accepted. Who would believe an old man's ramblings of the past? Certainly I could offer little proof that what I intended to write was actually the way it was. Whatever stories I wanted to share would have to be accepted on faith, faith that that rambling old man wasn't just gilding the lily in order to make something good look even better than it was.

These were my thoughts as I sat down at this typewriter four years ago and made the decision to go the whole hog. Let the chips fall where they may. Actually, though, I wasn't too worried, for you see, I have always had faith in my fellow fishermen, faith which has been borne by 60 years of very close association. I know and believe all fishermen can sense when someone cuts the corners. Therefore, because of this, I really had no worries at all.

Sure, there are skeptics (thank the good Lord for that!) and I welcome their letters too. But like Ivory soap, 99% of those scores of letters I receive are from believers.

Now, naturally one would expect that correspondence which referred to these long-ago times would come solely from old-timers; but not so. Youngsters write, youngsters whose fathers were born long after those times I write about. These young fishermen are mesmerized. That's the only word for it. Many tell me of "feeling cheated" because they weren't around to share in all that good fishing. To these youngsters I can only reply by saying that if they were meant to be on earth at that time, there they would have been. To everything under the sun there is a purpose. Who knows what great things are in store for them in the future.

And who knows what future things are in store for me? Certainly 60 years ago I never dreamed that from the first day I dunked bait I would forevermore become a genuine dyed-in-wool "fishing nut." And that the older I became, the stronger would become that yen to continue fishing. And to learn the game and to improve at it as best I could.

In that I was lucky. I take no credit for the fact that I was at the right place at the right time. The fishing, of course, was good, and I guess you might say it was easier to learn then than it is now. But not because of all that good fishing, but because of the type of fishermen who then existed. Times were tough, therefore it was common for fishermen to help one another wherever and whenever they could. This was a result of the conditions which then existed, for most quickly realized, whether they were fishermen or not, that one either helped out the other guy somehow or both went down the tubes together.

Therefore, whenever I needed help with fishing problems, I got it. Perhaps my questions were silly, and asinine (I'm sure many were), but it mattered not. To me they were important and to the old-timers of the day, this is what counted. All were answered with a compassion and knowledge difficult to find today.

Now, it is certainly true that most of these old-time stories are about party boat fishing, which, of course, is simple enough to understand because this is just about the only type of fishing I did at that time. The only thing I regret is that there were no surf fishermen in my neighborhood, for I certainly would have liked to have had a well-rounded fishing education. But it was not to be. Party boat fishing it was, and you might say I lived only for the next trip. While this attitude has been dulled somewhat by the press of adult life, I still manage to lose sleep the night before a party boat trip. Each adventure is a fresh experience and I know I'll learn something new each time I go out. Without fail.

And now a bit about the passengers who sailed aboard those party boats in the long-ago. They were something else! Never will we see their kind again.

Although the days of huge European emigrations were just about over when I was a kid, hundreds of potential new citizens still entered our country everyday. They were the poorest of the poor. Eventually, some of these hopefuls took up party boat fishing—for two reasons. One (and uppermost), they enjoyed it. Two, while enjoying themselves they also found an ideal way to feed their families fresh, wholesome food with less strain on the budget. This was a Godsend, for a buck was hard to come by—especially for them.

A cold way to put it, perhaps, but that's the way it was. There were no food stamps or relief programs those days. It was your family, mister, and it was up to you to provide for them to the best of your ability. And they did it. Every single blessed one of them. We fellows who were born in this great country should be proud of the root stock from which we came.

And each party boat carried its share of these invincible men. A veritable League of Nations. Every European nation was represented at one time or another. And contrary to what you may have heard, I never witnessed one example of that dissension, which was supposed to have been so prevalent those days. But what I did see were good natured, kindly, happy-go-lucky fishermen, all with but one thought in mind—fill those buckets! And in order to do that there existed a camaraderie one seldom sees today.

For instance, I was recently on a party boat when the sea bass were hitting as if there was no tomorrow expected. One fellow became hung-up in the wreck and in his endeavor to free the rig, he was beside himself. The mates and skipper were busy elsewhere, but the fellow alongside this struggling fisherman, who could just as easily helped, simply ignored the poor guy's plight.

Now, in those long-gone days that poor guy would have had more aid than he could use. In moments, a fellow fisherman would have helped break the rig free, and had it been needed, unquestionably someone would have offered hooks, sinker, or whatever. Truly, those days it was one for all and all for one...whether it was simple fishing or everyday life.

You know, as a youngster aboard those old party boats, I never brought lunch with me. I was offered more food than six kids could eat. I know many of the regulars had their wives prepare an extra sandwich or two "for

that kid with the hollow legs." And I sure had hollow legs those days.

And as a kid of Irish descent, one whose diet ran to corned beef and cabbage and plain meat and potatoes, with a five-cent pig's head thrown in occasionally for variety (I'll never forget those blue eyes staring at me from the center of the supper table)—I sampled some of the most exotic old-world foods imaginable. Most of this ran to pickled delicacies and homemade bread smothered with gobs of pure butter.

But when I went fishing on Thursdays, I looked for my little Jewish friend, Louie the Baker. Louie fished every Thursday and he always brought along extra bagels, cream cheese, and smoked salmon for "that kid"—and sometimes a delicious coffee ring. Louie may have spoken atrocious English, but words were not required to bespeak the compassion he had for a boy whom he feared might possibly be hungry. Louie, I had not the heart to tell you I was always well fed by other fishermen when you had your attention diverted elsewhere. But I'll never forget you, Louie—I love you still. Your compassion for the "little guy" taught me what it means to be a man.

Because conditions at that time were rough for just about everyone, prices were so low they actually seem ridiculous today. Party boat fares were then two dollars; kids a dollar. And many a poor guy never paid a fare from one month to the next. But what could you do? As the skipper of Canarsie's old Rose R II told me one day when I returned from collecting the fares: "It's okay, Marty. These fellows have to eat somehow. Am I to let them starve?"

And it wasn't only party boat fares which were low. Every morning we stopped for bait near Roxbury (about where the Marine Parkway Bridge is now). The bait barge would come out and meet us and we'd take on whatever bait we needed for the day.

Skimmers were 50 cents a bushel and these we used for cod, ling, whiting, sea bass, and porgies—about five bushels per trip, depending of course upon the amount of passengers. But if we were going blackfishing at Seabright, we'd take along ten bushels—two for the blackfish, and eight for the bergalls! Green crabs were two dollars a bushel, and these we used mostly in November. A bushel of these, along with skimmer clam, was sufficient for a day's fishing. Killies for fluke fishing were two dollars a butter tub, which I think held about 25 quarts...maybe more.

So, you see, as rough as those times were for many, we who went through them had our occasional ray of sunshine, plus our hopes and dreams. Nothing could stop that. Most of us made it; few fell by the wayside. But we never could have do so without help from "the other guy."

Maybe, just maybe, there's a lesson to be learned. They tell me history repeats itself.

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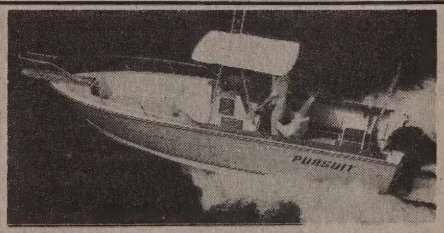

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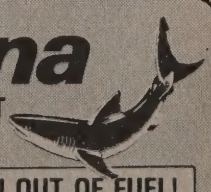

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AUTUMN'S INLET BLUES

by Gerald Hahn

October is prime time to take trophy blues from the surf but it's no time to neglect their smalller brothers.

A couple of years ago, some fishing buddies told me there was a good run of chopper blues at Moriches Inlet; so at two in the morning on a warm October, I headed out of New York for a 6:30 AM appointment with high tide. Actually, I would have preferred fishing the tail end of the outgoing tide at this inlet for bluefish as well, as surfcasters know that a large sand bar off the ocean end traps baitfish at this time. Nevertheless, I welcomed any tidal change at dawn, for I would have several good hours of fishing before and after slack tide.

Surfcasting in Long Island while residing in New York presents a number of problems; therefore, I like to plan everything in advance. Among other things, the trip is fairly long and gas is expensive, and if I'm going to try the surf, the least I can do is increase the odds in my favor a bit. Thus, one consideration after check-

School size blues such as this are often a sure bet at south shore inlets in the fall.

ing the tide listings, is driving for two hours to the parking lot at Cupsogue Beach and then walking for another half hour to reach Moriches' east jetty about a mile away. Acquiring bait is another problem that city dwellers must consider. People who live near their favorite fishing spots can buy their bait the day before; we can't, unless we want to waste half a day to get it. For this reason, part of my fall surf fishing plan actually begins in the spring, when I catch a supply of mackerel and some flounder fry for the freezer.

Since my surf plans also involve fishing at different places, I bring along several rods. A nine foot spinning rod with a Garcia 306 filled with 20-pound test is used for casting bait and large plugs, and an eight foot rod with a Daiwa 1300 and 10 lb. test is used for small lures.

That day, my plan involved fishing at Moriches until no later than 7 AM, and unless the fish were screaming for company, I would then head to the north shore in time to catch the high tide change at 8:30 AM. This way, I would be fishing during tidal changes at different places. Moreover, by then, bait shops would be open and I could soak a worm for porgies or a fiddler for tautog.

Since blues at night feed as frequently on the surface as below, I do not use a bottom rig at Moriches Inlet, although on occasion I may resort to a clinch sinker about two feet above the ook. A 6/0 brown Beak hook on a five inch, stiff wire leader (also brown), with a black barrel swivel is connected to the fishing line with an improved clinch knot. This nearly invisible yet strong rig is excellent for mackerel bait. Preparing mackerel for bait is simple: the thawed fish is filleted and then cut into 2x3 inch slabs with the skin left intact. When cut this way—instead of in large chunks—the mackerel lasts longer and is easier to cast. The hook point is inserted through the skin side of the bait, which is then pushed slightly up the shank; then the hook is inserted once again. Rigged securely in front, the bait dangles seductively in back. Those accustomed to fishing for blues on night boats will find this baited rig familiar.

A whole flounder fry is even deadlier on large blues and sometimes attracts cow bass, as well. I rig this bait in advance and store it in the freezer, so that upon arriving at the fishing spot, I have only one knot to tie. The same hook and leader as before may be employed, or a hook that is either connected to a flexible wire leader or a 50 lb. test, plastic leader on a barrel swivel. I run a length of coat hanger wire through the flounder's mouth and out the vent. Then I form a small bend at one end of the wire (the vent side) and loop the swivel end of the leader onto it. Once this is accomplished, I pull the coat hanger back out of the mouth. The leader is now **inside** the bait, and only the hook point sticks out of the vent and the barrel swivel out of the mouth. For extra security on top, I pierce two holes through the flounder's lips and insert of piece of monofilament for tying to the mouth and the leader. The leader, of course, is fitted to the flounder's size. As stated, only one knot is required, an improved clinch knot, for connecting the baited rig to the main line, for I hate fumbling with rigs in the dark.

Normally at Moriches, I cast these baits off the east jetty to a tide rip near the bay side or to the aforementioned sand bar at the ocean entrance. However, that autumn, I couldn't reach either spot. In fact, I couldn't reach the east jetty, because it was stranded by a hurricane that formed a new inlet to the east. Although the new cut was gradually being closed by a crew of engineers, the water seemed too shallow for productive fishing, and try as I may, by seven in the morning it had yielded only a spider crab.

Slim pickings for the great fall bluefish run, despite my friends' enthusiasm, I mumbled, while heading back east along Dune Road to catch the turnoff at the Westhampton Bridge. I hoped the north shore would be better. Then, on the spur of the moment, I decided to change plans (thus far, they hadn't worked, anyway) and have a look at Shinnecock Inlet. After all, I reasoned, Shinnecock's only a few miles down the road—much closer than Long Island Sound—and I could still catch the top of the outgoing tide. Moreover, I hadn't fished there in sometime and happily remembered several good blackfish encounters in October. If they're in, I figured I could rush to the nearest bait shop and return in short order.

After parking the car in front of the signal tower, I took my tackle and remaining bait and scrambled up the rocks for the west jetty's ocean end. Not a soul was there. How would I know if blackfish were in? Certainly not by tempting them with mackerel and flounder. I was resigned to baiting up once more for non-existent bluefish, when a fisherman joined me on the rocks.

"Any blackfish around?" I asked.

He looked at me with disdain as he plucked a small diamond jig from one of the guides on his rod. "Blues have been coming in here every morning for the past few days."

Remembering my friends and their yarn about Moriches' blues, I nodded skeptically and resumed rigging my bait.

"Got one! he yelled. "Here they come!"

Indeed he had, for a 3 lb. blue was showering scales all over me and thrashing his angry head against the red tube in his mouth. I hurried back to the car, and in a flash was back on the jetty with my eight foot rod adorned with a shiny metal lure. In 30 seconds flat, I made a cast and caught a 2½ lb. blue, my first fish since 4:30 in the morning.

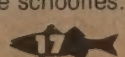
It was not to be my last fish, either. For blues were suddenly boiling all around the ocean side of the jetty, and for the next two hours they fought with abandon. It was to be one of those exceptional mornings when shore-bound fishermen catch more fish than anglers in boats. Surfcasters know how it is most of the time. They try one lure, then another; they change the rate of retrieve, then the action, and after many hours they finally give up. That morning, however, a dozen surf men caught more fish than they could handle, both from the jetty and the adjacent beach. Since distance casting was totally unimportant, one person had a field day with his small floating plug, a Rebel or a Rapala. Another was using a Hopkins or a Kastmaster, or was it a diamond jig with a split-tail?

The blues moved in a clear, classic pattern. At the top of the tide, they had herded a large school of baitfish close to shore—in fact to a marker only 50 feet from the beach; but as the tide receded, the blues gradually moved to deeper water, out of casting range. By then, no one cared, except perhaps the boat fishermen who—for a change—had been frustrated all along. When the action slowed on the surface at one point, I exchanged metal for bucktail and caught the blues below. All this required was a gentle up-and-down action of the rod instead of the quick side-whipping movement employed for metal. When bluefish suddenly seem to disappear, a leadhead bucktail often finds them.

Autumn is generally considered the best time to catch trophy bluefish as they school up for their migration to the south. But the truth is that large specimens are hard to find, as I had discovered at Moriches. On the other hand, anglers looking for smaller blues will find that autumn is indeed an excellent time to make up for slower fishing periods. For migrating blues in the two to four pound class tend to form larger schools than their king-sized relatives. Small blues, moreover, feed in shallower water than large blues, and therefore are more likely to be caught by shore-bound fishermen.

By no means does fishing for school blues guarantee success, even in the fall. In fact, that memorable day, one exhausted regular at Shinnecock remarked that the previous week had produced nothing at all. And later that day, as I was casting worms to porgies on the north shore, according to my happily altered plan, a solitary angler with a metal lure on his rod, passed me and moaned, "I haven't seen a blue here in weeks." I was about to inform him about Shinnecock, but he wouldn't have believed me, and I let it pass.

On any shore, fall bluefishing requires effort, checking out different places and planning several trips. Sooner or later, you will earn your share, especially if while keeping one eye open for a trophy blue, you keep the other eye open for the schoolies.



SMOKE IT, DON'T CAN IT

by Dick Mermon

Quite often, some of those freshly caught fish that are so generously handed to the neighbors, find their way into the nearest garbage can or are utilized as fertilizer for tomato plants. People accept them in good faith, but things often change when the task of cleaning the smelly fish is approached. Rather than turn all of that protein into compost, why not try smoking them?

Flavor cooking, better known as "smoking" fish, is not a difficult task at all, nor is it expensive. In fact, the cost declines the more one uses a smoker and everyone, including your neighbors, will enjoy hickory flavored fish. The initial investment is in a Lure Jensen "Little Chief" or Coleman smoker, both of which handle a small quantity of fish at a time. All species of fish can be smoked but the preferred are tuna, mako, mackerel, marlin, albacore, weakfish, bluefish, striped bass, whiting and eels. Cooking, or "smoking" time depends upon the thickness of a fillet and how oily its flesh is. Smoke and heat do the cooking, whereby the brine employed is what gives the fish its tasty flavor, along with the soaking period.

A small store-bought smoker is all that is needed to provide a real treat for family, friends and neighbors.

A standard brine consists merely of non-iodized salt, brown sugar (not white) and water, mixed in a container in which the fish is allowed to steep before smoking begins. Through trial and error, I've concocted a fabulous brine which titillates the palate of everyone who has tasted my smoked fish and can be employed with all species previously mentioned and even others that were not.

Instead of yielding to the standard recipe, I formulated the following scheme:

1 cup non-iodized salt per gal. water
1 cup brown sugar per gal. of water
1 cup honey per gal. of water
1 pt. or 8 oz. can apple juice per gal. of water
1/2 cup lemon juice

The ingredients are blended together in warm water in a smaller pitcher, then applied to the main container. It is easier to dissolve the sugar, salt and honey in warm water than cold, which the primary solution must be.

Fish that are to be smoke cooked should retain their skin and scales, but be no thicker than two inches. Each section is washed free of any slime or blood, then placed into the brine. The entire container requires refrigeration for at least eight to twelve hours. Wooden or galvanized pails should not be used in the marinating procedure. A simple plastic pail or oversized pot will do just fine. Refrigeration helps in firming soft flesh while saturating the pieces throughout.

When ready for smoking, the fillets are gently rinsed under cold water, placed onto newspapers and dabbed dry, permitting them to take on a tacky texture while the smoker is pre-heated for fifteen minutes. When ready for stacking onto the smoking rack, each section could receive a

light brushing of honey or Karo corn syrup to add a wee bit of tang. The sections are then placed onto the rack which is slipped into the smoker. Small thin fillets require two pans of wood chips and approximately six hours of cooking.

Thicker fish demand longer smoking, usually up to twelve hours and an additional pan of wood cuttings. Cook fish of the same dimensions at the same time. Do not try to smoke a thin fillet among thicker ones or the narrow piece will shrivel in dryness or be overcooked. Whenever possible, use the same, or close to the same size fillets for each smoking period. The preceding cooking time is only a rule of thumb and trial and error is really the guideword. The more one becomes involved, the better things turn out.

For special taste excitement, add a small amount of Drambuie to the brine and watch those neighbors ask for more fish. I use this mixture when smoking steelhead, salmon, or trout and it does wonders. Brine can be utilized for several smokes before it must be discarded, but it does require refrigeration. To liven up a stale mixture, cut a few apples into it, or some hot yellow mustard. If spice is your taste, brush some of that mustard lightly (and I mean lightly) on the fillets prior to cooking. Wood chips that are used for smoking can be obtained from most sporting goods stores that sell the smokers.

After steeping in brine, fillets are washed and dried on newspaper.

Smoked fish is rather rich and many people cannot consume a large amount at one setting. Hence, it can be frozen and brought out to be served with cocktails or snacks. A micro-wave oven works fine for heating, by the way. One thing is for certain: there will be no refusals of fish from neighbors or friends when it comes to smoked fish, providing you're still willing to offer it to them.

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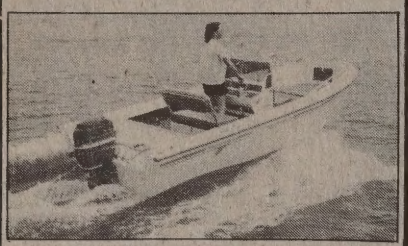

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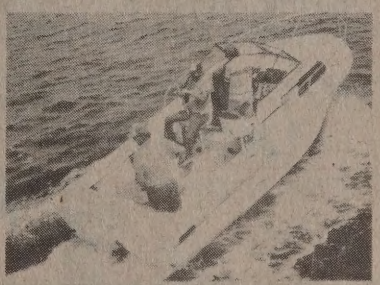

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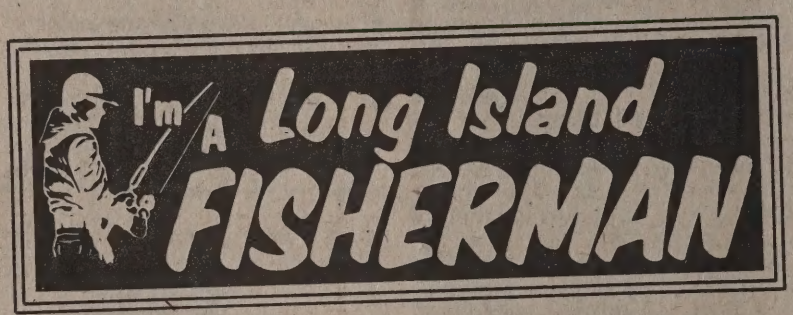

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East End Report

by Stu Miller

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The word from Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** is that the Block Island grounds have now started producing very good codfish and blackfish catches and this area will pick up from Coxes Ledge right now for the bulk of the heavy bottom fishing.The porgy action at Block Island has been spotty, some days good and some days bad. The night bluefish trips are still getting loads of jumbo Cartwright blues along with some doggies mixed in. This Saturday will be the last of the night blues that the Viking Fleet will make this season. There are still a few spots open for the last Nantucket wreck trip of the season which will be sailing Sunday night at 10PM. See ad for details.

Aboard the charter boat **Montauk**, Capt. Mike says he had his best striped bass day so far this year on Monday, with 17 striped bass to 30 lbs. taken on umbrellas at the Point along with plenty of blues. Sunday's charter filled the box quickly with over 200 blues from 1/2 lbs. to gorillas.

Captain Bud Dorman of the six man limit open boat **Waxed** says he has had striped bass of 45½ lbs. and 37½ lbs. for size. His customers have also jigged blacks to 9 lbs., blues to 21½ lbs., sea bass to 3 lbs., porgies to 3½ lbs. and bonito to 8½ lbs—all in the vicinity of the lighthouse. Bud says he had bass over the weekend up to 15 lbs. and blues up to 12 lbs. He asked us to remind you that he has not nor does he plan to use umbrella rigs and wire line. All fish will be caught on diamond jigs or they won't be caught, said the skipper.

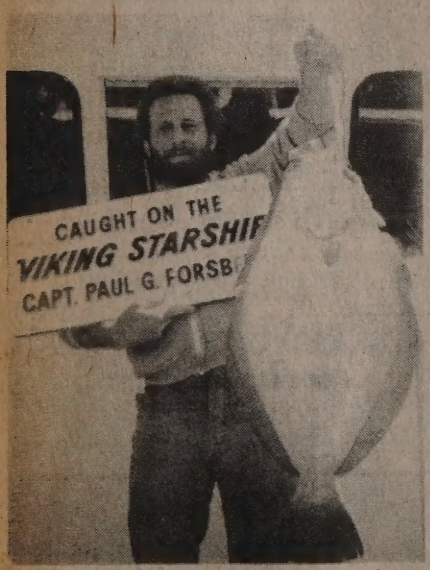
Frank Riccio and Vic Santoro show some of the 20 big blues they caught at Cartwright aboard the "Marlin V."

Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin Fleet** has been scoring with plenty of blues averaging 14 to 16 lbs., topping out at 22 lbs., and fares are dragging anywhere from 15 to 30 fish a man off the boat. Big porgies are being caught at Block Island if the conditions are right with these fish being all jumbos up to over 3 lbs.

Good bass catches continue aboard Captain Mike Potts' **Blue Fin I** and **IV** with the skipper calling to say that on Monday and Tuesday he fished the Deitrich group from Pennsylvania. Monday's catch was 14 bass, three of which ran 30-36 lbs., three went 20-30 lbs. and the rest were 10-20 lbers. plus 24 blues. Tuesday's total was 24 stripers, three of which ran 30-38 lbs., five running 20-30 lbs. and the rest 10-20 lbs. Wednesday morning's trip racked up 7 bass in two weeks. The afternoon trip for the Salwise group, Sodus, N.Y. hoisted four bass to 45 lbs. Charlie Sandway was on the rod with a 45 lber. Thurday morning's trip saw 3 bass to 38 lbs. come over the rail, while the afternoon trip produced four more bass. Friday's catch was 2 bass while Saturday morning's trip saw four stripers and four weaks taken. The afternoon trip resulted in one striper less in the water, as did Sunday's morning trip. The Sunday afternoon trip rang the bell with 14 stripers, 10-20 lbs. Each trip accounted for anywhere from 15-30 blues as well. Ninety-five percent of the catch has been on umbrellas and the rest on diamond jigs. Fish have been caught in various areas around the Point. Captain John Potts on the **BF I** has been scoring anywhere from 2-13 stripers a trip along with a good quantity of blues.

Aboard Capt. John DeMaio's charter boat **Vivienne** John called to say that his charter on Tuesday had 10 bass up to 30 lbs. on diamond jigs at the Point but that poor conditions towards the end of the week and weekend hurt that part of the week's catch a lot.

Gone Fishing Marina advises the flounder action has picked up greatly at the Point's can 5. Charlie Ettinger had 12 flatties up to 3 lbs. on Wednesday on clam. Thursday aboard Capt. Bob Sztorc's charter boat **Caprice** a catch of 800 lbs. of blues and several bass up to 41 lbs. was taken for the Mark Binaros party. Aboard Capt. Bill Ricca's charter boat **Alyssa Ann**, Billy Tropan, Tony Amodeo and pals lit into jumbo Cartwright blues from 12-17 lbs. all on 8 oz. TriFin jigs. Jigs have been working better than bait this week due to the increased number of dogfish. The skipper also advises that he has some prime weekend dates



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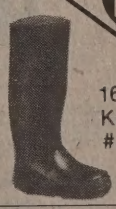

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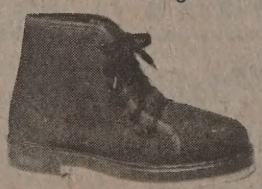

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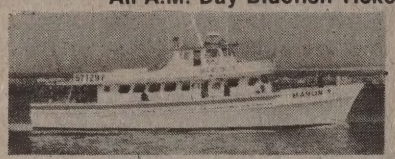

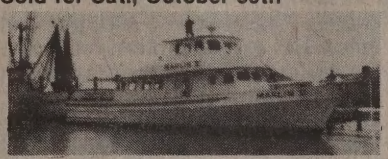

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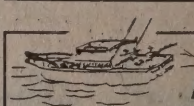

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We hear that the Tony Gerrido party fishing aboard the charter boat **Julie III** Saturday scored with 94 flounder from 1 lb. to 2 lbs. 5 oz. working Gin Beach. They also had 124 blues, 2-5 lbs. at the Elbow. Sunday's charter for Louis Vasquez and party tapped into 42 flounder up to 2½ lbs. along with 87 blues to 10 lbs., same areas as Saturday.

Ian at **Star Island Yacht Club** says he hears of plenty of flounder being taken in the usual shoal areas such as GIn Beach and Washington Shoals. Super catches of blackfish are being made by some of the blackfish sharpies at Star Island such as Ron Goldberg on the Barbara Jack who had 600 lbs. of blackfish at Southwest Ledge on the weekend and Phil Rubin on his boat Sea-4-2 who also fished Southwest Ledge and loaded up on slugger blackfish.

SOUTH FORK

The **Sag Harbor** open boat **Wilhelric II** has been having red hot blackfishing as evidenced by Tuesday's catch where 20 people had a tremendous load of mixed blackfish, including 20 that went 7-10 lbs. Catches were roughly two buckets per man. Wednesday's high hook was 32 blacks. The pool fish went 8½ lbs. with all fares catching between 10 and 32 fish. Saturday's high hook was Pete Kilanowski with 21 blacks. Artie is working Plum and Little and Big Gull Islands.

The **Captain Clark II** sailing out of **Shinnecock Canal** tells of fantastic fishing on Saturday's offshore wreck trip. Big blackfish, sea bass and jumbo porgies were hauled just as soon as the anchor was set, despite the snotty weather. Only two drops were required the whole day and at least a dozen 8-12 lb. blues were also caught. Fishing was so good Saturday that on Sunday the skipper fished the same ocean wrecks again despite the rough weather and again, customers hauled sea bass, blacks, porgies and big blues all day. The next offshore wreck trip is scheduled for Saturday

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Lots of wind again conspired to make for difficult fishing conditions over the weekend but nonetheless some anglers enjoyed banner fishing particularly if they were among those who chose bluefish as their main target. Flounder fishing in the bays has been somewhat erratic due primarily to all of the wind no doubt although here and there some good flattie scores were made by persistent anglers. Several boats out of F.I. Inlet tried to get a jump on the codfish season this past week but to no avail.

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

At **Corr's Mariner's Cove** in **Hampton Bays**, Frank Pelosa spoke of some good flounder action over the weekend in the Basket area. On Sunday, Pat Finore and Jim Squires totalled 45 flatties including some that topped the 2 pound mark. Ted Lesmaic had 30 flounder by himself on Saturday. Best scores are being made with sandworms and using scallop shells for chum.

In the **Moriches Bay** area, Larry from **L & M Marine** said that worms and mussel chum are accounting for

This fine haul of flatties (1 fluke in foreground) was made by Jack and Cathy Friend and Ray and Evelyn Mitchell in Moriches Bay. The two couples fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

BAIT & TACKLE

Fifty-five flounder and 10 sea bass for Hank Schlanger and Bill Carlson. They fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station in East Moriches, working the buoy 44 area.

some nice flounder. Numbers are not the highest but the fish are nearly all in the 1 pound class with some ranging to 2 pounds. Larry said that the wind has deterred many anglers but he reminded that the station has Cuddy Cabin skiffs available and that there are some good flounder spots that are well protected on windy days. One of the better scores on the weekend was made by John Nepson who had 50 flatties to 2 pounds in Seatuck Cove.

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** said that while numbers are sometimes lacking, the size of the flounder at Haven's Point makes the fishing well worth the effort. Bloodworms and consistent chumming with mussels is the key. Dave Roys had 60 flounder to 2.4 pounds on Thursday, Hank Schlanger had 68 on Friday and Joe Sander took 47 flatties to 2½ pounds on Saturday. All three anglers worked the buoy 35-36 area off of Haven's Point.

Over at **Seatuck Cove Fishing Staion** in **East Moriches**, Andy called it a good weekend considering the wind. He thought most boats finished with 30-40 flatties with a decent number of 1½-2 pound fish mixed in the catches. Best bet for the bigger flatties has been Haven's Point on either worms or dyed clams according to Andy. Bill Dolt, who docks his Champagne Lady at the station, took 64 flounder on Sunday. Same day, Tom Dicker, Loran Domagala and Carmen Tomeo totalled 37 flounder. The station will remain open through Thanksgiving.

From **Silly Lilly Fishing Station**, Gary said that flounder fishing remained good although the wind has made for some difficult conditions on some days. A good portion of the fish being taken are large with some running 1½ to 2 pounds. Haven's Point, Hart's Cove and buoy 35 have all been productive. At Haven's Point on Thursday, Fred Ott and Tom Getherall took 51 flounder between 1 and 2 pounds as well as 2 dozen blue claws. At the same spot on Saturday, Jerry and John Baumeister totalled 43 flatties. Gary reminded that there are still plenty of crabs mixed with the flounder and suggested bringing

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In the **Mastic Beach** area, Capt. Bill of **Stiriz's Fishing Station** said that there are still plenty of flounder at buoy 17, 20 and 21 with many of them ranging from ¾ to 1¼ pounds. A few kingfish still mixed with the flounder and lots of crabs remain at buoy 17. They are being taken on flounder hooks and in larger quantities by those who bring along traps while flounder fishing. For the flatties, Bill suggested chumming with ground corn and added that both worms and dyed clams have been effective on the flatties.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello spoke of pretty good flounder fishing at the Blue Point and Patchogue docks on worms. He described the flatties as smallish but keepers nonetheless. Still some crabs at the docks as well but this fishery is fading fast. For boatmen looking to put away some flatties, Paul suggested the area around the Smith's Point Bridge. Plenty of bluefish being trolled outside the inlets, along the beaches and out to the 50' depths while some real slammer blues are being livelined in Moriches Inlet.

John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** told of spotty catches of flounder in the bay and thought the best bet might be to the West in the State Channel. A few fish are being taken at Heckscher. Loads of crabs are still available for those using traps and John suggested the Cove at Oak Beach as one hotspot for the blueclaws. Blackfish have slowed considerably but might still be worth a shot inside the bay. However, the F.I. Ocean Reef has been producing some very fine blackfishing with nice size fish the rule. Both trollers and jiggers have been working on blues inshore along the beaches and there are big blues on the wrecks and at Cholera.

Steve Spina caught this 4¾ lb. fluke in Great South Bay after renting a skiff from Sea Gull Marina in West Babylon.

While things had been relatively quiet due to the wind, Ireene Cioffi of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** did know that there are still lots of bluefish averaging 10-12 pounds on Ocean Wrecks. Of the flounder action she called the fishing picky with most boatmen working the sheltered confines of the State Channel towards Babylon and Lindenhurst.

A few flounder behind Good Samaritan Hospital although one customer did manage 18 himself along with a bushel of crabs. This via Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. Carl knew too

that there are plenty of blues on the wrecks along with lots of choppers spread along the beaches. No reports on blackfish this week.

Audrey Hubert of **Captree**'s **Speedy Fleet** was out of words to describe the frantic pace of the bluefishing which has characterized the fishing for the past few weeks. Suffice to say that action has been super days and nights with fishing being done over wrecks and open bottom. Fish on most trips run 10-20 pounds although during rough weather when fishing is done inshore, the fish run quite a bit smaller. Sunday was an example of this situation. This wild action should last another two weeks and as long as there is interest the boats will be making the run.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** found flounder fishing slow most of the weekend although he did cash in on a good shot of fish at the Sore Thumb on the Sunday afternoon trip. Most of the fish here were large, ranging between 1 and 1¾ pounds. Action in the State Channel appeared to slow down in recent days. Bluefishing continues excellent and providing the weather holds, Friday and Saturday will be the last night trips of the season.

Fares aboard Capt. Charlie Kennedy's **Capt. Joseph II** enjoyed a good day with blackfish averaging 2-4 pounds on Saturday. Bob Pace lead the way with 29 up to 7 pounds while Bob Giehl of New Hampshire had the 8.14 pound pool winner. While Saturday was good, Sunday was great and it started off with 16 fares taking well over 200 bluefish which were camped over the top of the Ocean Reef. After the blues scattered, fares enjoyed real good blackfish action and had some sea bass mixed with the blacks. Of the night bluefishing, Charlie described it as "as good as you could want". If the interest is there Charlie will be making one more run at the blues this weekend.

Fred Austin at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon** said that there are plenty of blues outside the inlet and on the west bar for trollers and jiggers. The Happy Hooker had over 100 choppers working inshore along the beach. Flounder fishing while spotty the last few days had been pretty good in the Copiague area early in the week. Ed and Barbara Walsh checked in a catch of 20 flatties to 1.14 pounds on the weekend. Blackfish have been spotty also although Al Lorenzetti did check in an 8.10 pounder which he took on the Kismet Reef. A few boats ran for cod but instead found lots of "doggies" which means the cod can't be far behind.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike told of a very good showing of white perch behind TSS in Lindenhurst. They can be taken on pieces of bloodworm, small Mepp's swimmers spinners and small Rapalas. Bluefish up to 19 pounds taken by those who ran to Cholera on both chum and jigs. Plenty of crabs and some flounder in the State Channel and off of Good

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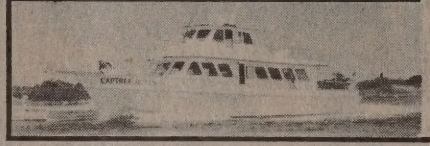

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SOUTH OYSTER BAY

In the **Seaford** area, Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** described the overall flounder picture as decent but reminded that chum is a big factor as is the weather. Lon suggested Massapeaqua Cove, Haunt's Creek and the 3rd bridge. There are still plenty of crabs in deep water areas so the tackle man suggested bringing along a trap or two to put down while flounder fishing. Blackfishing is slowing down and there are a few school bass for umbrella rig trollers inside the inlet. Blues are outside the inlet to the east and west for trollers and jiggers and there is some wild action for moster blues underway at Cholera on jigs and bait.

John Dombrowski at **Pop's Fishing Station** in **Seaford** spoke of a decent showing of flounder at Merrick Point with some nice size fish being taken during the tide changes. Lots of blue claws are around as evidenced by one boat which returned with 60 during the week.

A few sea bass at the 3rd Wantagh along with some small blackfish but most people have been occupying themselves with flounder this past week according to Jim Watt at **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore**. The overall flatfishing has been fair. The best catches are being made deep in the bay at Merrick Point, the 2nd bridge and rowboat alley. Worms and clams along with a good supply of mussel chum have been accounting for some pretty good scores.

Joe Brook's 42 pound striper taken while livelining near the bridges highlighted the report from George Boulukos at **Nick's Fishing Station** in

Merrick. The Merrick boatman had a few big weaks to go along with his trophy striper. Flounder fishing at Merrick Point was pretty solid this past week with catches of 20-30 per boat about average including a good number of fish in the 1¼-1½ pound class. Both worms and clams are working on the flatties. George spoke of blues galore with real slammers out at Cholera with fish of mixed sizes spread over the inshore grounds east and west of the inlet.

Western South Shore Report

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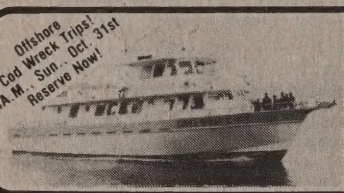

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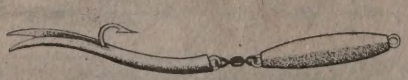

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middle of this unbelievable bluefishing with fares catching on bait, bananas and banana splits. Catches every day right through the weekend have been very good on all jumbo fish. The skipper anchored up Sunday with 12 fares and at Noon they called it a day with the customers begging for mercy. Massapequa angler Joe McQuillan had 26 blues including a 19½ and a 21½ lber.

Aboard Capt. Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II**, customers here have likewise been dragging up these huge bluefish. Fifteen to 18 lbers. are common said the skipper. This is just super, super bluefishing, the kind that you dream about, as great as you can imagine. Crowds are light and catches big and fish gigantic. Richie says that anyone who passes up a chance at these fish is going to kick himself later on.

Captain Sy Karlin's **Blue Fin Fleet** had fabulous bluefishing Friday night at the rock pile (Cholera). He was back at the dock early after a night of baiting and chumming gorilla blues 10-17 lbs. Saturday's charter for the Jackson Height Fishing Club had super blackfishing on some offshore wrecks, fish up to 6 lbs. with some sea bass mixed in. Jay Megan took the pool and high hook was John Stehli. Green crab and clam was the hook bait. Sunday's charter for Holy Cross High School sampled the fantastic bluefishing available. They were bakc to the dock early with blues up to 15½ lbs. Mike Emerson of Floral Park and Gerard Lennon of Bayside tide for the pool with 15½ lbers. Fish were taken mostly on bait.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** had a charter Saturday for the Cub

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Scout Pack 102 of Port Washington led by Greg Verity. They had a good pick of flounder all throughout the day. On Tuesday Tony fished the Wantagh Senior Citizens Club and the group of men and women had an enjoyable pick of flounder. You have to fish hard these days to catch until the water cools down. Sunday's catch of flounder was decent. High hook was 30 flatties, mediums.

The **Capt. Lou Fleet** says that catches have improved this past week and sizes have improved as well. On Tuesday, Leon Paerodin, Cedarhurst was high hook with 32 nice flounder. High hooks have been running in the mid-30s. This is on the full day boat. On the half day boat fair to good catches are being made also with high hooks running 15-20 fish up to 2½ lbs.

Aboard the **Aloma II** flounder catches have been averaging out to 8-10 fish a man. The blackfishing has gotten so strong that the boat is now sailing weekdays for flounder and weekends for blackfish with a 7AM sailing time everyday.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** Saturday's flounder catch done locally for the North Merrick Fire Department saw a fair catch made. Saturday night's charter had fantastic bluefishing at 17 Fathoms for the New York Color Center, Syosset. Fish hit bait and ran up to 18 lbs. Sunday's flounder trip for the High and Dry Fishing Club had a fair flounder pick with fish up to 1 lb. on worms and clam.

Down in **Point Lookout** your reporter sailed on a busman's holiday trip Saturday aboard Capt. Dennis's charter boat **Marie III**. After anchoring up at Cholera, we hauled dinosaur bluefish until we were arm weary. These fish ran 15-20 lbs. and were the largest and meanest blues your reporter has ever tied into. Most of the fish took bait fished on the bottom or just a little above the bottom. Bunker chunks and mackerel chunks were the hook bait. Sunday's charter for the Double T Fishing Club had tough blackfishing in the morning in a wind/tide situation, but in the afternoon the 14 members hoisted 140 blackfish. The pool and club trophy went to Steve Kearney with a 4 lb. 10 oz. black. Roy Kaupoff hoisted a 4 lb. 8 oz. black. Almost all the rest of the fish were in the 3-4 lb. range all on green crabs.

LIF subscriber Bea Keller shows the largest of seven stripers taken aboard the family boat in Jones Inlet on umbrella rigs. The bass checked in at 27 lbs.

The **Miss Point Lookout** which was having work done in the shipyard Monday through Wednesday reported that starting on Thursday right through the weekend they had anywhere from picky to good flounder fishing. Thursday morning's trip saw George a regular take a 3 lb. flounder. Roosevelt Rogers had 26, while Walt Specht and his wife had 25 fish. Friday's high hook on the morning trip was 27 flounder and on Friday afternoon's trip Ted Mason won his first pool in 15 years of party boat fishing.

The **Capt. Bill** has been picking away at the flounder all week long with some days better than others, waiting for the water to really cool off so that flattie catches can be made in earnest. On Sunday's morning trip 8 passengers had a load of blackfish.

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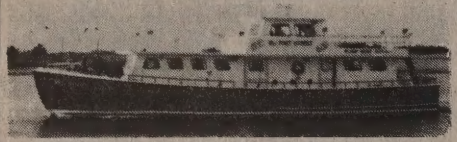

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Carida Boloson decked this 25 lb. striper in New York Bight aboard the Sheepshead Bay open boat "Flamingo III." She used an AVA 27 jig.

Over in **Island Park** the **Commodore** has been having decent flounder catches on his weekend trips with all passengers catching. Captain Clem says there are some fish picked on every drop and decent sized fish too. High hook for the weekend was 26 flounder but you have to really work for your fish, but they are there to be caught. He's finding a lot in the main channels now. The porgies and sea bass have vacated the scene. Clem says this weekend was a big improvement over last weekend.

Long Beach Sports Marina called to advise that striped bass up to 15 lbs. are being trolled on umbrella rigs at the Tin Can while huge blues are being trolled off Long Beach and Rockaway, blues between 12 and 16 lbs. Some flounder being caught in Reynolds Channel, off cement block and the creeks at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club but heavy chumming is a must. Good blackfishing at the AB bridge, Gong buoy and 28th St. wreck. Some schoolie bass and blues being trolled at the AB bridge on white bucktails.

Captain Ronnie Lepper's charter boat **Kim** sailing out of **Atlantic Beach** reports excellent bass fishing with fish 5-15 lbs. on trolled umbrellas and also by casting Nordic eels in the Breezy Point area. Lots of schoolies from the jetties from Jones Inlet to Breezy Point on Rebels and baittails. A few big bass from the beaches on whole or chunked bunker. From Jones Inlet to Atlantic Beach the area is loaded with 12 to 20 lb. blues in 25 to 35 feet of water. From Atlantic Beach to Breezy Point the blues are 3-5 lbs.

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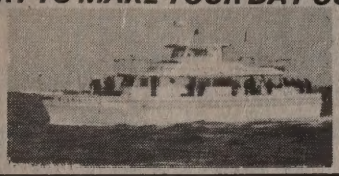

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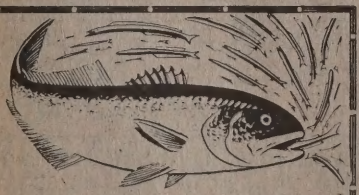

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blackfishing in a long time with many fares catching 30s and 40s. Catches are generally running 10-40 fish a man and Sunday's high hook was 50 blackfish. The 12½ lb. black was caught by Freddy, a regular. The fish was weighed in at Stella Maris Tackle. Fishing is being done on green crabs around the fisherman buoy area.

Captain Steve on the **Flamingo III** has been having continued good bluefishing and good striped bass fishing. Early in the week, stripers were really feeding on outgoing water. On Monday, seven men had 18 stripers. On Tuesday, 14 fares had 30 stripers, all of these fish up to 15 lbs. with the average fish running 5-6 lbs. This was on diamond jigs, baittails and worms. Later in the week and on the weekend the target was bluefish of the large variety fished at Farms and 17 Fathoms. Fish ran 10-18 lbs. and were mostly jigged on diamond jigs with tails and also fished on the bottom with drail rigs. Steve says quantities were excellent as well.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

For the third weekend in a row, small boaters were exasperated by winds from a northerly quarter on the Sound and waters were rough. Nevertheless, weekday angling for bass, blues and blackfish was excellent at times and fall flounder action was reliably good nearly everywhere. Party boats continued to have good catches throughout much of the week with blues and blacks the featured fish.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait on City Island has pulled their rental skiffs but has been seeing good catches of blackfish and flounder from private boats and from the party craft **Ebb Tide** and **North Star.** The latter has had a lot of tautog in the 6 lb. class from Norwalk and Stamford waters to the east. Local blackfish in the City Island area are moving into 18-20' depths. Flounder are right in Eastchester Bay with most bait sales in sandworms and bloodworms (about 70%-30% respectively.)

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** weighed two enormous blues during the week. On the 20th, Red Scanlon put a 19 lb. 9 oz. alligator on the scales, and one day later Bob Hannes came in with a gorilla of 21 lb. 3 oz. Both fish were long and powerfully shaped and were taken

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on bunker chunks. Blackfish catches were spotty but Dosoris Pond was hot for flounder to 1 lb. Fishermen were working shallow waters less than 8' deep from the shore. Carl Smith had a couple of schoolie bass with bait on the bottom.

Peter Pearson sailed the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle into the ocean for a shot at large bluefish on Sunday and caught some slammers in the 10-20 lb. class. The day was exceptionally sloppy with some of the roughest seas that Pearson has ever seen. After relatively slow days on Sound blues on Friday and Saturday, Pearson had decided to try the ocean with the larger Sunday crowd. The **Lady Lil III** is working blackfish now out of Glen Cove, and Frank Ackley expects to follow suit with the charter boat, **Tarpoon,** in the next few weeks, weather permitting. Ackley's last charter was during the weekend of the 17th when the Horton Elevator crew put a good number of blues in the boat on downriggers.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** said that local bluefish are now larger with a lot of fish over 10 lbs., but numbers were down during most of the week. The hot numbers among jigs include the small AVA 007 as well as Tri Fin Tiger Stripes in 2 and 3 oz. sizes. Bass to 16 lbs. have been taken around the Obstruction Buoy, and Mike Scala had his first linesider off Target Rock. Flounder action in the Northport Corner of Duck Harbor and Huntington Harbor was very good with catches of 30-40 edible fish the rule. Winds made for tough blackfishing off Buoy 11B.

John at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson looked at tautog numbers ranging up to 30 per boat from the jetties and from Oldfield and Cranes. Cooling waters were producing better numbers of tautog now. There were a few flounder to 2 lbs. in the deep holes and off White Beach for anglers anchoring and fishing without chum. The station plans to stay open until Halloween with a few rentals in the water. The shop may be open for a few weekends thereafter.

Jeff Corey at **Ralph's** in Mount Sinai mentioned an 18 lb. bass taken from a local jetty on a floated chunk. Blackfish angling wasn't super, but the biggest of the season weighed exactly 8 lbs. Green crabs and fiddlers were producing tautog 100' off the beach at Mount Misery and also off the Oldfield Light. Some 2 lb. flounder were in the Harbor along with the usual fish, and one sharpie off Shoreham produced eight snowshoes to 3½ lbs. Worms were preferred bait now.

Packy Collings of the **Ever Ready** and **Packy IV** from Huntington spoke of a bass run that hasn't produced as well as expected. Saturday on the open boat results were 2-3 blues per person with six bass among 20 fares. Sunday's catch ran anywhere from three blues per angler to 20, with George Shover high hook. Frank Field, the weatherman, won the pool on Sunday with a 14 lb. slammer. The Packy IV had a fair shot at blues on Sunday with Willie Randolph and his father and Tony Biancardi aboard. Larger blues are now quite numerous among the 2-4 lb. fish, Packy says, and the principal forage is butterfish or small herring. Sand eels are not numerous, so jigging works as well or better than umbrellas. Diamond Point and Eatons afforded one good daybreak shot at bass over the weekend, but that was all. As blues slack off, Collins may do some blackfishing on slack water in the coming weeks.

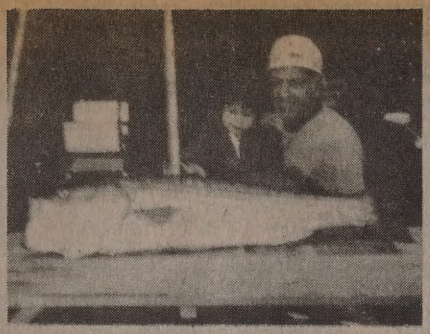
John Fisher had a short, rough day on the **Aqua-Gem** out of Port Jefferson on Sunday. Some of the tautog on the Shoreham pipe run 8 lbs. and numbers have improved. Fisher expects to get another couple of weeks out of the season.

Henry Olsen of the **Captain Hank** from Port Jeff will be hauling out on Wednesday for the season. He cautions that draggers have been active over the Middle Grounds in recent days with a lot of big blackfish in their hauls. Olsen will start again after Saint Pat's on flounder.

NORTH FORK

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** in Southold last put boats on the Sound on Wednesday with good results. Blackfish were numerous off Mulford and the Light with some big fish west of the Launch Ramp. Flounder could be found from the Orient Ferry all the way around the Point to Mulford with some of the best fishing close to the Ramp. Drifting produced flatties off the State Park and the Bays were also producing nicely. Dering Harbor, Beixedon, and even the Goose Creek Bridge yielded flounder in good sizes. Deep water (40-70')off the Brickyard was reliable for small blackfish plus a few larger fish. Sound rentals will be available daily until Election Day and then on weekends through November 14.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport described explosive bluefish action around Gardiner's Ruins, off Gardiner's shore, in Pigeon Rip, and at the Race. However, the blackfish have been stealing the show on the scales. White weighed two monsters on Sunday; Nick Matic showed up with a 10 lb. 9 oz. fish on the **Nancy Ann,** and minutes later White weighed a 10 lb. 11 oz. fish for Charles Scanlon, taken aboard Tom Burnhardt's **Peconic Gypsy.** Both fish



This 40 lb. striper fell to a bunker chunk fished from a Huntington Beach on 10-10 by Jerry Maticka of Northport. The big striper was weighed at Bowman's Tackle Shop in Northport.

have been duly entered in the LIF contest.

Richie Jensen of the Nancy Ann had a few words to add on the blackfish scene. He fished the Floral Park Fishing Club last week and found a nice mess of tautogs averaging 3½-4 lbs. at Plum Island. Stella Ward was high hook with nine fish to 5 lbs., and John Mader took the pool with a 6-pounder. Jensen is concentrating on water depths between 40' and 60' where 8-12 oz. of lead are *de rigeur.* Besides the slaughter of large blues from 8 to 15 lbs., Jensen also put 25 bass in the boat last week on bucktails and umbrellas. Stripers were scholies to 15 lbs.

John Rainis is working Plum Island waters with the **Blue Albatross** and seeing a lot of tautog in the 5-8 lb. class in the shallow areas. Rainis also managed a number of big flounder over 2 lbs. near Orient.

George Porter told us that the **Brand X** enjoyed a fine day, despite the northeast wind, on Sunday. Tautog numbers ran anywhere from 10 to 30 per fare on fish to 10 lbs. taken in deep waters all the way to 100-120' depths. Blackfish have won

John Russo used a Hopkins to take this 41½ lb. striper out of the Moriches surf on 10-8-82.

the pool for four days, and there are very few throwbacks. There are still a few big porgies around, but Porter feels that now is the time for "guys who like really big blackfish."

On the **Peconic Star,** Dave Brennan said Sunday's high hook was 28 blacks. All blacks under 3 lbs. were returned and the largest was 8 lbs. 2 ozs. Loads of porgies are mixed with the blacks. Saturday was good but Friday was super with 102-year-old Mr. Bishop catching seven big tautogs.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

Smiling faces were easy to find on Long Island beaches this past week as an unusually heavy run of bluefish pleased casters along many miles of south shore oceanfront. Here and there a big striper made the season for some lucky caster. As these reports are being gathered a wicked easterly is howling so it is with crossed fingers that the blues are still there after things settle down.

Beginning along the western S. Shore beaches, Bernie Haag relayed word of good bluefish action all week long through the Rockaways and at Long Beach. Fish ranged up to 4 pounds and here and there a few school bass are mixed in. Teasers accounted for most of the bass that were taken. Word of some heavy action with big bluefish including a report of a 21 pounder came from both Jim Watt at **Merrick Tackle** and Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in **Seaford**. Both tacklemen spoke of Jones Beach West End 2, and parking field 6 as being hot this past week. Tins, plugs and bait all accounted for big blues although those using bait certainly had the edge. It might be difficult to convince Andy Kmetz of this last remark however. Andy weighed in blues of 17½, 17 and 14 pounds, taken on tin, at **Merrick Tackle** this week.

Good numbers of blues were in evidence along the beaches from Toba y to Fire Island as well and here it seems that bait caught fish far exceeded the number of lure caught choppers. This was especially so with bigger fish. A report from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** mentioned some school bass being taken on Ava 17 jigs with white tubes along the back side of the inlet from the construction dock down to the jetty. John Obedcinski weighed in the largest of his blues taken at Democrat on Saturday at 11¾ pounds at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. Two big stripers which fell to live eels were weighed at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** on the

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weekend. A 38.7 pounder was checked in by a caster who neglected to leave his name while my brother, Steve Golofaro, clicked with a 40 pound cow. Irene who handles the chores at Peppy's spoke of lots of bluefish reports coming from casters stocking up on 077 and A 17 jigs. She also reminded that in addition to the bass many large bluefish are falling to live eels.

If anything bluefish action seemed to gather steam to the east, at least in the Moriches-Smith's Point area. Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** spoke of a constant flow of blues along the beach from Moriches Inlet, through Smith's Point and through the National Seashore property, down to Long Cove. Fish are mixed in sized from 2 on up to 16 poiunds and a few big bass in the 20-30 pound class are mixed with the blues each day. Tins are accounting for nearly all of the fish including the stripers. Hopkin's are a very popular item these days and I did very well myself with an A 17 and tube combo. Tony Malano landed his first big bass on Sunday when he culled a 31 pounder from amongst the blues on a Hopkins.

The Hamptons got into the act this week as Thom reported big blues on most beaches from East Hampton through Hampton Bays, mornings and evenings. Here again, tins are accounting for most of the action and a few school bass are mixed with the choppers. L.I.F. graphic artist Dan Connor and his partner Steve Hensel stocked their freezer with bluefish fillets after a session ¼ mile east of Shinnecock Inlet on Friday. The pair used tins to take a pile of blues ranging from 3-10 pounds.

Montauk again had its quota of big stripers as evidenced by the list of

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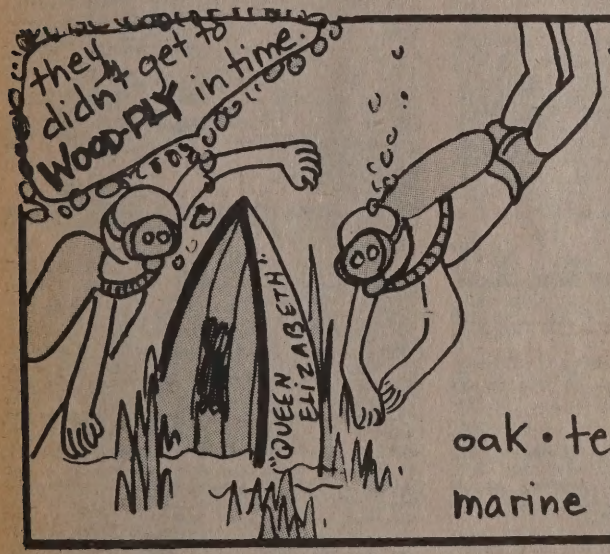

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weigh-ins at **Johnny Kronuch's Tackle Shop** in Montauk. While John said that wet suiters far and away had the edge there are still some big fish being taken by casters working up front. Al Rispoli had bass of 40 and 32 pounds on the south side, Jack Yee topped off his week with a 39 pound striper while Joey Bragan Jr. and Sr. each had 37 pounders to go along with quite a few other fish in the high teen to 30 pound range. Burt Barr clicked with a 40 pound striper while New Jerseyite Bob Lick was at it again with fish of 38, 34 and 25 pounds taken on North Bar. Big blues along the South Side sand beaches have given casters something to shoot for during the daylight hours. Most of the fish range from 10 to 16 pounds and guys who work at it sometimes manage 6-8 of the big fish. Both tins and plugs have been taking the choppers. Most recent shot of big blues occurred as I was getting John's report Monday morning on the open beach along Old Montauk Highway.

A couple of Striper Surf Club members got into the scoring column at Montauk this past week according to club publicity man, John Christianson. Leif Gobel took a 32 pounder from under the light, Joe Vezo had a pair of 10's and John Melenchek had a 15 pounder, the latter two scores being made on the south side sand beaches.

The story up on the north shore was pretty much the same as last week with big blues into the high teens being taken on bunker chunks from western sound harbor areas. Mid sound beaches such as Makamah and Callahan's have also been producing blues of mixed sizes with the bigger fish falling to bait after dark. No word of stripers in these areas however although I'm sure those making the effort are picking away at schoolies in the 3-8 pound class.

From **Dick's Sport Shop** in **Mount Sinai**, Dick Brown told of a pretty decent showing of school bass along local beaches. They are being taken on Rebels, darters and poppers. Blues of mixed sizes roam the beaches at Miller Place with the same old story of bait accounting for the biggest fish holding true. Best shot at the blues is early morning or after dark with bait.

On the North Fork, Ed Kopack of **Warren's Tackle Shop** in **Aquebogue** said that despite all of the North wind there have been some real nice blues taken along with a smattering of bass from beaches in the area.

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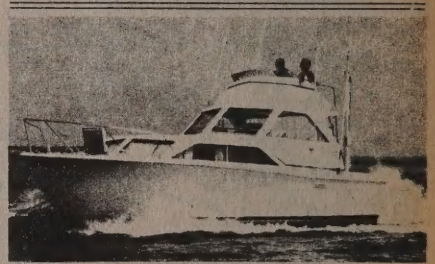

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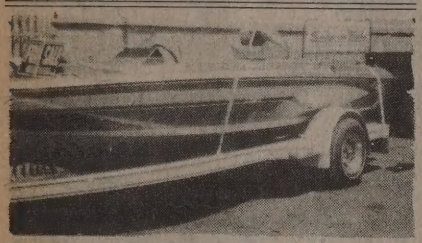

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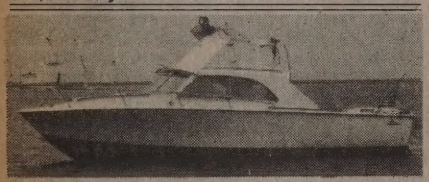

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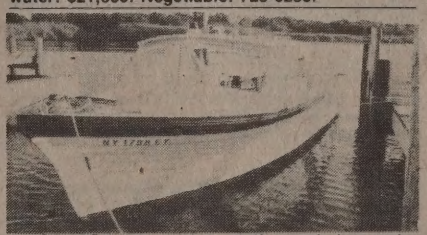

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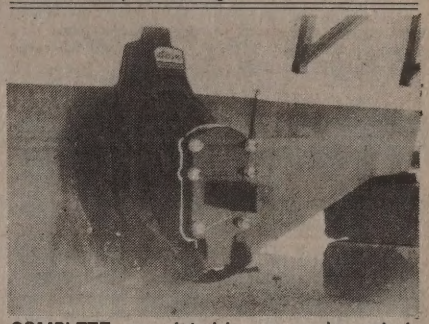

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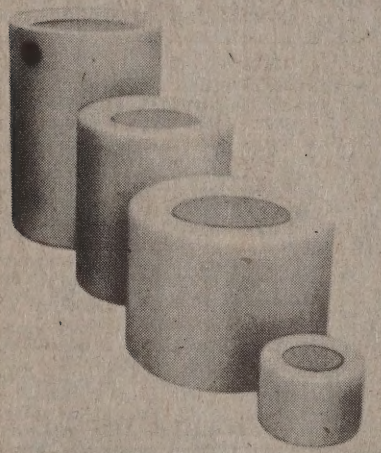

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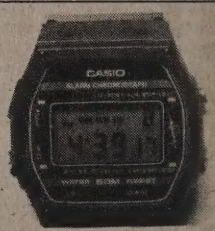

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	5:15	5:35	6:10	6:25	6:00	6:15	7:00	7:15	9:00	9:05	8:35	8:55	5:15	5:35	10/28
FRI.	6:05	6:25	6:55	7:10	6:45	7:00	7:40	7:55	9:30	9:50	9:20	9:40	6:00	6:20	10/29
SAT.	6:50	7:10	7:35	7:50	7:30	7:45	8:20	8:40	10:05	10:25	10:05	10:25	6:45	7:05	10/30
SUN.	6:30	6:50	7:15	7:35	7:10	7:25	7:55	8:20	9:40	10:10	9:45	10:10	6:25	6:45	10/31
MON.	7:10	7:35	7:55	8:15	7:45	8:05	8:35	9:05	10:20	10:50	10:30	10:55	7:10	7:30	11/1
TUE.	7:55	8:20	8:40	9:00	8:25	8:50	9:20	9:50	11:05	11:35	11:10	11:45	7:55	8:15	11/2
WED.	8:40	9:10	9:25	9:45	9:10	9:40	10:05	10:40	11:50	–	11:55	–	8:40	9:05	11/3
THUR.	9:30	10:05	10:10	10:35	10:00	10:40	10:55	11:35	12:25	12:40	12:30	12:45	9:30	9:55	11/4

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

10/29	7:29	5:58
10/30	7:30	5:57
10/31	6:31	4:55
11/1	6:32	4:54
11/2	6:34	4:53
11/3	6:35	4:51
11/4	6:36	4:50

Moonrise/Moonset

10/29	4:53PM	3:51AM
10/30	5:21PM	4:57AM
10/31	4:50PM	5:05AM
11/1	5:22PM	6:15AM
11/2	5:59PM	7:28AM
11/3	6:41PM	8:42AM
11/4	7:32PM	9:54AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/15	11/23	11/1	11/8

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	2:20	8:25	2:35	8:45
Fri.	3:00	9:05	3:15	9:30
Sat.	3:45	9:45	3:55	10:10
Sun.	3:25	9:30	3:45	9:55
Mon.	4:10	10:15	4:25	10:45
Tues.	5:00	11:15	5:25	11:45
Wed.	6:00	—	6:30	12:15
Thurs.	7:00	12:50	7:35	1:20

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